



DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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Traditional Lindo dances delight festival crowd in front of the Cathedral

Dubrovnik, 24 July 2021 – Lindo Folklore Ensemble performed last night, 23 July, in front of the Cathedral, delighting both local and foreign audiences. Lindo will have another performance at the 72nd Festival, on 22 August, again in front of the Cathedral.

The **Folklore ensemble Lindo** has been a key part of the Dubrovnik Summer Festival since 1967 and, despite traditionally holding their performances on the Revelin fort, due to current epidemiological measures and consequently the need for a bigger auditorium Lindo did their dance and musical numbers in the Gradac Park last year. This Festival season saw them take the open-air stage in front of the Dubrovnik Cathedral. At this singular venue Lindo, among which were some forty youngest members who were having their first ever Festival gig, performed an elaborate ninety-minute programme. It included the indispensable traditional Dubrovnik dance *lindo*, dances of Posavina, Valpovo and Bunjevci, old dances of Split, dances of Međimurje and Baranja, Vrlika circle dance and the musical numbers *Kak je teško našu ljubav tajiti*, *Markuševački svati*, *Nosim te zemljo*, *Ča ko voli, ča ko zna* and Tiridonda by the Ensemble's female *klapa* (traditional Croatian vocal group with a distinct and unique style of singing). At the end of the event, Lindo received thunderous applause by the sizable local and holidaymaker crowd, thus encoring with a part from circle dance of Bunjevci.

Last night's performance was a debut of sorts for many young new Lindo members but also a goodbye for some older ones. After being a part of Lindo for 42 years, Mr. Tonći Vukušić performed last night for the final time, an occasion upon which Lindo director Vlaho Kljunak presented Vukušić with an appropriate gift as thanks for all his plenteous contributions as a long-time Lindo member and associate. Next Lindo performance at the 72nd Festival is scheduled for 22 August, 9pm at the same location in front of the Cathedral.

All 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival programmes are certified as *safe gatherings*, meaning the events will be organised according to current rules and recommendations by the national and local Civil Protection Headquarters and the World Health Organization, according to which maintaining physical distance of one seat with compulsory face masks has been deemed sufficient for audiences at low-risk events and the attendees are not obligated to present their EU digital COVID pass.

The Dubrovnik Summer Festival –the centre of Croatian and global spirit and culture, a place of creation and not just a place of visit, a place of community, ideas and new artistic expressions, is traditionally supported this year by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia, the City of Dubrovnik, the Dubrovnik-neretva county and numerous other sponsors and benefactors who helped bring this most prestigious cultural event in Croatia to fruition.

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