



DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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PREMIERE DRAMA PROGRAMME

“Lion House” to premiere on playground below Minčeta Fort towards the end of the 72nd Festival

Dubrovnik, 9 August 2021 – The playground below Minčeta fort is the site of busy rehearsals for this season’s last drama premiere, the play “**Lion House**” based on an eponymous Ivan Salečić novel in adaptation by **Marijana Fumić** and directed by **Aida Bukvić**, with performances by the **Festival Drama Ensemble**. The play is on the 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival programme from **20 to 24 August** at the aforementioned location.

“Lion House” portrays Dubrovnik as a place where burdened history and burlesque transition clash. The play is adapted from **Ivan Salečić’s** debut novel of the same name in which the present-day bitter-humorous complications surrounding the purchase and restoration of an apartment in the historic Dubrovnik city centre are intertwined with engaging history of Dubrovnik, above which looms the grim fate of the Great Earthquake. The play is directed by **Aida Bukvić** while **Marijana Fumić** did the adaptation and dramaturgy, **Ivo Knezović** set design, **Blaženka Kovač-Carić** stage movement and **Mirjana Zagorec** costume design. Lighting design is done by **Martin Šatović** while **Maro Market** created the music. The **Festival Drama Ensemble** includes: **Amar Bukvić**, **Iva Kraljević**, **Jadranka Đokić**, **Dražen Šivak**, **Branimir Vidić - Flika**, **Maro Martinović**, **Doris Šarić-Kukuljica**, **Romano Nikolić**, **Marin Klišmanić**, **Gloria Dubelj** and **Veronika Mach**.

The play will premiere on **Friday, 20 August at 9.30pm** on the **playground under the Minčeta Fort** with four more performances set for **21, 22, 23 and 24 August**. Supporting the play is Festival’s loyal partner **OTP Bank**.

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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