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MUSIC PROGRAMME OF THE 72nd Festival

Lovre Marušić to hold piano recital at Rector's Palace

Dubrovnik, 13 July 2021 – The award-winning young pianist **Lovre Marušić** will be performing pieces by **Schumann, Haydn, Ravel** and **Liszt** on **Friday 16 July at 9.30pm** in the **Rector's Palace atrium** as part of the 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival music programme.

Even though Lovre Marušić started on the path of music in his home town of Omiš, he is especially beholden to Dubrovnik as one of the key moments of his life and career happened right here. It was in Dubrovnik that a national competition was held, where he was noticed by Natalia Trull, renowned Russian pianist and music professor, known as one of the greatest music pedagogues of today. Trull invited young Lovre to the Moscow P. I. Tchaikovsky Conservatory, from which he graduated in 2011. He studied under Ruben Dalibaltayan and later under Ljubomir Gašparović, under whom he graduated and earned his Master's degree. He continued his studies at the Hochschule für Musik Franz Liszt Weimar under Grigory Gruzman. He has won numerous prizes at prestigious piano competitions, including first prizes at the 20th Santa Cecilia International Competition in Porto (2018), the International Music Festival in Paris (2018), the New Stars International Competition in Manchester (2016) and the World Piano Teachers Association International Competition in London (2017); he won first prize, committee award, audience award and was the absolute winner of the Isidor Bajić International Piano Competition (2016). He qualified as one of the top 24 pianists from all over the world at the prestigious Hamamatsu International Piano Competition in Japan in 2016, while in 2020 he was selected as one of the 29 candidates at the renowned Cleveland International Piano Competition in the USA, where he will be competing in the finals in July 2021. He also entered the finals of another two prestigious international competitions, the Leeds International Piano Competition in the UK and the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy, where he will be performing in August and September 2021. Marušić has also received the Rector's and Dean's Awards of the University of Zagreb for outstanding achievements as a student. Currently, he is a Teaching Assistant at the Piano Department of the Zagreb Academy of Music and Executive and Artistic Director of the Ostinato International Chamber Music Festival in Omiš.

On the programme the exceedingly talented and acclaimed young virtuoso will be performing are Robert **Schumann's *Kreisleriana***, Joseph **Haydn's *Sonata in h-minor***, **Valses Nobles et Sentimentales** by **Maurice Ravel** and **Rhapsodie espagnole** by **Franz Liszt**.

Tickets for the recital and all programmes at the 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival are available for purchase at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival website www.dubrovnik-festival.hr or via www.ulaznice.hr ticketing service, and at the box office of the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) every day from 9am to 9.30pm. Tickets will also be available on location two hours before the start of the performance. Ticket prices remain significantly reduced due to the economic situation being impacted by the pandemic, up to 50% lower as was the case last year. Purchases made with Mastercard® and Maestro® cards receive a 10% discount while all purchases and orders over 500HRK offer payment in instalments.

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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