



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## DRAMA PROGRAMME OF THE 72<sup>ND</sup> FESTIVAL

Mara and Kata are back!

**Dubrovnik, 24 July 2021** – Last year's Festival hit, an original project by **Saša Božić** done in collaboration with **Nataša Dangubić** and **Doris Šarić Kukuljica**, the play *Mara and Kata*, will have an incredible eight performances at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Festival due to enormous interest. The play will be performed twice a night at **Kazerma below St. Mary's** on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 26, 27 and 28 July, at 9.30pm and 11pm**, then again on **7 and 8 July at 9.30pm** at the same unique venue. Tickets for all performances have been sold out.

Mara and Kata is an original project by director Saša Božić which was created in collaboration with thespians Nataša Dangubić and Doris Šarić Kukuljica, as Mara and Kata respectively, and inspired by the legendary Croatian Radio Dubrovnik show *At Home With the Gossipmongers* and the book *The Gossipmongers of Dubrovnik* by Desa Begović Mrkušić. However, Mara and Kata the play begins where the original radio tape stops – the duo don't shy away from relentlessly criticizing everything and everyone with their particular humour, well-timed comedic turns and original vernacular coloured by an absurd overvaluing of the term "everyday wisdom".

The *courtyard analysts* Mara and Kata introduced themselves to the Festival audiences with a highly successful premiere last summer at the 71<sup>st</sup> Festival. While the same five performances were planned for this Festival season, more were added due to truly great interest from the public, with tickets for all selling out immediately.

All 72<sup>nd</sup> 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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