



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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ACCLAIMED WORK BY ITALIAN NOBLE LAUREATE AT THE 70TH FESTIVAL

## **Mistero Buffo Monodrama on Bokar Fort This Friday**

**Dubrovnik, 23 July 2019** – The highly-acclaimed monodrama *Mistero buffo* based on the eponymous Italian Nobel laureate Dario Fo's *pièce célèbre*, as performed by Dražen Šivak and directed by Lee Delong, is next on the anniversary 70<sup>th</sup> Dubrovnik Festival theatre programme, on **Friday 26 July at 9.30pm on the Bokar fort**.

As a daunting mix of both humour and tragedy, this lauded piece of literary genius is a great challenge for actors. Even though it was written in 1969, it is still a very much relevant and current work. Grupa Theatre, in coproduction with the Triko Circus Theatre, premiered the monodrama in January 2019 at the Zagreb Dance centre and critics immediately singled it out as one of the best theatre productions Croatia has to offer. The combination of wit, alacrity, humour and artistry is a real theatrical treat for the audience.

The great actor and writer, who won a Nobel prize for literature in 1997, the peerless Dario Fo was an expert in theatre history, especially well versed in the tradition of travelling acting troupes. For *Mistero buffo*, his most famous and acclaimed work, he gathered texts from Medieval mystery plays with biblical motifs which were reworked by travelling actors who imbued them with comical twists and turns. The 65-minute monodrama has Dražen Šivak, a flawless performer, interacting constantly with the audience, masterfully using all tools of the artist's trade at his disposal. Bojan Munjin wrote for *Novosti* that in this play "destinies of three people meet: one genius and engaged writer, one patient and deliberate director, with that of a subtle and dedicated actor."

Tickets for this masterful monodrama which will be performed at the Festival on 26 July are available for purchase at the Dubrovnik Summer Festival website [www.dubrovnik-festival.hr](http://www.dubrovnik-festival.hr) or via [www.ulaznice.hr](http://www.ulaznice.hr) ticketing service and at the box office of the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) every day from 9am to 9.30pm. All residents of Dubrovnik-neretva county are offered a 30% discount on all tickets. Purchases made with Mastercard® and Maestro® cards receive a 10% discount while all purchases and orders over 500 kuna receive a 30% discount voucher for Festival souvenirs.

**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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