



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## MUSIC PROGRAMME OF THE 72 FESTIVAL

### Papandopulo's *Croatian Mass* to be performed by Croatian Radio and Television Choir at Rector's Palace

**Dubrovnik, 13 July 2021** – **Croatian Radio and Television Choir** under the baton of maestro **Tomislav Fačini** and with soloists of the evening **Darija Auguštan**, **Martina Gojčeta Silić**, **Stjepan Franetović** and **Robert Kolar** will hold the first concert at **the Rector's Palace atrium** of this Festival season on Thursday, **15 July** at **9.30pm**. They will perform *Croatian Mass* by Boris Papandopulo.

Commissioned by Kolo Singers' Society, Papandopulo wrote the *Mass* in 1939 for soloists and unaccompanied choir, wanting to simplify and further the possibilities of performance, especially for concert tours to certain places in Croatia where there is not always an orchestra nor a good organ. In addition, Croatian choral music does mostly entail a *cappella* singing and such a way of singing is characteristic of Croats, as the beloved composer noted.

The **Croatian Radio and Television Choir** was founded in 1941 for the needs of the radio programme at the time. Working first as a chamber ensemble, with time, they grew into the first large professional choir in Croatia. In the early years, it was Boris Papandopulo who was one of the choir's first conductors, helping shape their repertoire. In 2004, the Croatian Association of Musical Artists presented the Choir with the *Milka Trnina Diploma*, acknowledging their exceptional artistic achievements, for the performance of, opportunely, Papandopulo's *Croatian Mass*.

Concert tickets as well as the tickets for all other programmes at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Dubrovnik Summer Festival 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. 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 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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