



DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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THE TRADITIONALLY FREE SCREENING ON WEDNESDAY AT JADRAN OPEN-AIR CINEMA

Best Croatian feature from Pula Film Festival “A Blue Flower” to be screened at the 72nd Dubrovnik Summer Festival

Dubrovnik, 26 July 2021 – In collaboration with Pula Film Festival and the Dubrovnik Cinemas, the Dubrovnik Summer Festival will be showing the award-winning feature film *A Blue Flower* directed by **Zrinko Ogresta** on **Wednesday 28 July at 9.30pm**, at the **Jadran open-air cinema**. Entrance is free but due to the limited number of seating, tickets must be picked up prior at the Festival Palace box office.

A Blue Flower directed by **Zrinko Ogresta** and produced by Interfilm is an 83-minute drama about Mirjana, a middle-aged clerk at a Zagreb thread factory. On the eve of her 20th work anniversary, when she is to receive an award at a modest celebration, her interactions with her loved ones illustrate parts of her life: the one behind her, the one she is living and the one that is yet to come. *A Blue Flower* is a film about a woman, a mother, and a daughter, a film that evokes emotional associations and urges us to take a long, hard look at ourselves. Besides winning the **Grand Golden Arena for Best Croatian Feature Film** at the 68th Pula Film Festival, the **Golden Arena for Best Director** went to Zrinko Ogresta while Vanja Ćirić who plays Mirjana won the **Gold Arena for Best Actress in a Leading Role**.

Branko Linta did the cinematography with Ivor Martininć and the director did the screenplay. **Vanja Ćirić** is joined by **Anja Šovagović Despot**, **Tea Harčević**, **Nikša Butijer**, **Doris Šarić-Kukuljica** and **Alen Liverić**. Produced by Ivan Maloča of Interfilm, the film is also co-produced by Lazar Ristovski of Zillion Film Belgrade.

Zrinko Ogresta is a Croatian director and screen writer, professor of directing at the Zagreb Academy of Dramatic Art and a member of European Film Academy in Berlin. His lauded films have been shown at prestigious national and international film festivals to great critical acclaim, winning many awards and accolades.

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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