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Phenomenal Performance of Top Trumpeter Håkan Hardenberger at the Festival

Dubrovnik, 21 July 2019 – A spectacular concert was held last night, July 20. The **Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra** and the virtuoso trumpeter **Håkan Hardenberger** gave an spectacular concert last night, 20 July, in the jam-packed **atrium of the Rector's Palace**. The distinguished maestro **Franz Anton Krager** conducted the evening's programme, comprised of **Aaron Copland's** *Music for the Movies*, **Johann Nepomuk Hummel's** *Trumpet Concerto in E Major*, **Zoltán Kodály's** *Summer Evening*, *Le Tombeau de Couperin* by **Maurice Ravel** and, finally, **Robert Nelson's** arrangement of *The Lone Star Pageant*.

A superstar trumpeter, the Swede **Håkan Hardenberger** is one of the world's leading soloists thanks to his unparalleled skill and ingenuity. Though Hardenberger, often called the "the greatest trumpeter on earth," and his masterful solo performance were definitely the highlight of the evening, the Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra was not overshadowed – playing lively and energetically, then skilfully switching to a more dramatic and fierce mood, but in every moment their performance was unfalteringly magnificent, led by the renowned American conductor Krager, delighting the audience. After the first part, the performance of Hummel's *Concerto*, and a deserved thundering ovation, Hardenberger addressed the audience, reminiscing of his first visit to Dubrovnik 32 years ago. The overjoyed crowd received was given a musical encore by Hardenberger.

The next Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra concert at the Festival is scheduled for 12 August, also in the Rector's Palace Atrium, when they will be accompanied by violinist Katarina Kutnar and led by maestro Ivo Lipanović. The concert will premiere the Ivan Violić *Ciklus.mp3* composition for strings, along with Tchaikovsky's *Violin concerto* and Beethoven's *Eroica*. Tickets for this concert and others on the Festival's music programme 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. 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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