



# DUBROVAČKE LJETNE IGRE DUBROVNIK SUMMER FESTIVAL

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## The unique Dubrovnik on a Rock of Music again on the Festival music programme

**Dubrovnik, 7 August 2021** – The unique programme **Dubrovnik on a Rock of Music** gathers an exciting ensemble of top Dubrovnik musicians of unusual instrument choices and distinct personalities once again this Festival summer, supported by Caboga Stiftung foundation, on **Tuesday 10 August in the Rector's Palace atrium, at 9.30pm**. The ensemble conducted by **Tomislav Fačini** will perform pieces by Debussy, Ibert, Đurović and Mahler.

Dubrovnik on a Rock of Music is another iteration of last year's Festival success of the same name, a programme which has roots in 2018 and the 69<sup>th</sup> Dubrovnik Summer Festival programme *Dubrovnik sails in intonation* and through which Dubrovnik's best musicians demonstrated that they – the artists – are that rock of music, who preserve the city's vitality and rich cultural heritage. This year under the baton of maestro **Tomislav Fačini** is the ensemble made up of **Mirabai Weismehl** and **Tara Horvat** violin, **Lidija Martinović** viola, **Vanda Đanić** cello, **Denis Ajduković** double-bass, **Ivan Kušelj** trumpet, **Toni Kursar** horn, **Matija Novaković** bassoon, **Đive Kušelj** flute, **Antonio Haller** oboe/cor anglais, **Stijepo Medo** clarinet, **Veronika Ćiković** harp, **Stjepan Vuger** accordion, **Karmen Pervitić** and **Fran Krsto Šercar** on percussions. The concert will open with **Claude Debussy's** *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* as arranged by **Tomislav Fačini**. In the performance of **Jacques Ibert's** *Concertino da camera* the ensemble will be joined by young saxophonist **Lovro Merčep**, winner of numerous national and international competitions whose sensational performance of **Ivan Končić's** *Concerto for saxophone and strings* at the 66<sup>th</sup> Festival is still talked about. The second half of the evening brings a **Franjo Đurović** piece, his *Piano concerto* dedicated and debuted in 2010 by **Marija Grazio** who will be performing it again at the concert. It bears reminding that the Dubrovnik pianist **Grazio** has been awarded the Dubrovnik Summer Festival Orlando award for best music performance in 2006 for her interpretation of **Dmitri Shostakovich's** *Piano Concerto No. 1*. To round off the programme are **Gustav Mahler's** *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*, or *Songs of a Wayfarer*, as arranged by **Fačini** and performed by mezzo-soprano **Dubravka Šeparović Mušović**, a two-times Orlando award winner (2000 and 2013) who has magnificently interpreted the great Mahler in the last year's Rock as well.

Tickets 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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