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## "War Diary" to Be Presented in the Aquarium on National Thanksgiving Day

**Dubrovnik, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014** – The premiere of a stage play motivated by Džemila Bukovica's "War Diary", directed by Ante Vlahinić, will be performed on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August on National Victory and Thanksgiving Day, which is also the Day of Croatian Defendors, at 9.30 p.m. in the Aquarium.

"War Diary" is a diary record of author Džemila Bukovica, which follows the everyday life of wartime Dubrovnik in the time frame of 1<sup>st</sup> October of 1991 until 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1992, published in 2011 by Dubrovnik's branch of Matica hrvatska.

With her diary, the author leaves us memories of what was happening and how life was lived in Dubrovnik's war days. Otherwise employed in tourism, Džemila Bukovica became a wartime correspondent to many foreign media and undertook all efforts in order to send news about the destruction of Dubrovnik out into the world. The Aquarium in St Ivan Fort was not coincidentally chosen as the set up for "War Diary" on National Thanksgiving Day and Croatian Defendor's Day, with which Croatia marks the remembrance of the victory in the Croatian war of Independence, as it served as a wartime shelter.

"War Diary" is directed by Ante Vlahinić, scenography is by Marin Gozze, light design by Marko Mijatović, music by Ibrica Jusić, and roles were taken on by Hrvoje Sebastijan, Lujo Kunčević, Ibrica Jusić and Glorija Šoletić.

Following the premiere performance on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, "War Diary" will once again take place on 14<sup>th</sup> August with a start at 9.30 p.m. in the Aquarium.

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