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A MEMORY THAT DOES NOT FADE

## Presentation of „Pavo Urban's War Diary“ on Saturday

**Dubrovnik, 10 August, 2016** – *Pavo Urban's War Diary* will be presented on Saturday, 13 August starting at 9:30 pm in the Sponza Palace Atrium. Book editor Dubravka Vrgoč, director and editor in chief of Meander Media Branko Čegec and artist Slaven Tolj will present the book. Actor Frano Mašković will read excerpts from the book.

The editor of *Pavo Urban's War Diary* Dubravka Vrgoč, writes that Pavo Urban mastered in "freezing the image in which the town is transformed into a battlefield and its people become not only silent witnesses of the tragedy, but also the victims." With the sad memories of the unfortunate days of Dubrovnik, this diary also carries an intimate love confession and in one moment turns into a love letter to his girlfriend Mara.

**Pavo Urban** was born in Dubrovnik on 1 August, 1968. He started photographing at the age of 18 and became a member of the Marin Getaldić photo club. He exhibited in several exhibitions and won the third prize in 1989. Two years later, in 1991, he enrolled in Film and Television Recording Department at the Academy of Dramatic Arts in Zagreb. However, he never started his studies because he decided to stay in Dubrovnik to defend the city in Homeland War. He went as a volunteer to the front line where he began his war photography series which he entitled the *Rat Art (War Art)*. Pavo Urban was killed with his photo camera in hands on 6 December 1991 during Serbian and Montenegrin shelling and bombing of the city of Dubrovnik. His last taken photo, later entitled "Stone Dust over the City", became a symbol of war destruction of Dubrovnik.

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