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MUSIC PROGRAM „KEY TO THE FUTURE“

More youthful freshness to 67th Festival bring virtuosi Semenenko and Firsova

Dubrovnik, 21 of August, 2016 – As part of the program *Key to the Future*, which presents young laureates of prestigious international music competition, on Tuesday, 23 August at 9:30 PM in the Rector's Palace atrium will perform the Russian-Ukrainian musical couple - violinist Aleksey Semenenko and pianist Inna Firsova. Repertoire consists of: Franz Schubert's *Violin Sonata "Grand Duo" in A major*, Eugène Ysaÿe's *Sonata no. 3 for solo violin in D minor*, Ernest Chausson's *Poème*, Edvard Grieg's *Violin Sonata No 1 in F major*, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Valse-sentimentale* and Pablo de Sarasate's *Carmen Fantasy*.

Aleksej Semenenko began his violin studies at the age of six at the Stolyarsky School, and only a year later performed Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A Minor with the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra. He is praised for passionate performances replete with "stunning technique and intonation, verve, wit, delicatessen, and beautiful phrasing" (The Boston Musical Intelligencer), as well as consistently demonstrating "an unparalleled level of refined musicianship and stage presence" (The Strad). This was evidenced in his triumph at the 2015 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Belgium, where he captured Second Prize and went on to perform Laureate concerts throughout Belgium with the Orchestre Philharmonique Royal de Liège and with the Brussels Philharmonic. Semenenko's other honors include a win of the 2012 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, First Prize in the 2015 Boris Goldstein International Violin Competition and many others. **Inna Firsova** has performed as a permanent duo partner of a prominent young violinist Alexey Semenenko, appearing at the Rhein-Ruhr Piano Festival, at the Kharkov Philharmonie, Ukraine, at the Beethoven House in Germany, the International Summer Academy of Cerro, Italy and many other concert halls. Born in 1988 in Russia, Inna Firsova began studying the piano at the age of eight, with Svetlana Korzhova in Ukraine. After graduation from the school she studied in Germany at the Hamburg Conservatory of Music with Grigory Gruzman and later at Musikgymnasium Schloss Belvedere. She joined the class of Arnulf von Arnim at the Folkwang University of the Arts in Germany. The young pianist has been a recipient of a scholarship of the association Yehudi Menuhin / Live Music Now Rhein-Ruhr.

Tickets are available at the box offices in the ground floor of the Festival Palace (Od Sigurate 1) and in Luža Bell Tower, as well as at the venue, one hour prior the performance.