

49th Ohrid Summer Festival opens at Ancient Theatre

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A concert of the most popular film composer in the world, 80-year-old Italian Ennio Morricone, will open Sunday the 49th Ohrid Summer Festival at the Antique Theatre in Ohrid. Morricone is coming to Macedonia with about 100 orchestra musicians of the Budapest Symphonic Orchestra - Győr that will perform his best film themes together with the Macedonian Opera Choir. Under the baton of Morricone, the orchestra will perform widely known sounds from legendary films authored by the Italian composer, such as "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," "Once Upon a Time in the West," "Once Upon a Time in America," "The Untouchable," "Cinema Paradiso," "Bugsy," "Lolita," and others. The festival will be officially opened by its patron President Gjorge Ivanov. Besides famous composer Ennio Morricone, this year's Ohrid Summer Festival will include four other stars in the sphere of classical music. Pianists Boris Berezovsky from Russia and Teo Gheorghiu from Switzerland, violinist Midori from Japan and cellist Monika Leskovar from Croatia will take the stage on August 11-18. Berezovsky is a pianist that newspaper "Times" described in 1988 as "an exceptionally promising artist with thrilling virtuosity and exceptional power". Young pianist Gheorghiu (1992) has already performed with renowned symphonic orchestras and held a number of recitals in Berne, Zurich, Istanbul, London etc. Violinist Midori completed her studies at the "Julliard" school in New York. She had her debut with the New York Philharmonic at the age of 11, under the baton of Zubin Mehta. Cellist Leskovar graduated in Berlin, where she is currently teaching. She has had a rich international career, winning numerous awards. Guitarist/lutist Edin Karamazov will close Ohrid Summer Festival on August 20. Since 1994, the Festival is a member of the European Festival Association. During the last 48 years, many national and international music and theatre artists and ensembles have performed at the festival. Among the most eminent ones we can name: Zubin Mehta, Jose Carreras, Mstislav Rostropovich, Jessye Norman, Victoria de Los Angeles, Gideon Kremer, Maxim Wengerov, Vadim Repin, Julian Rachlin, Henryk Szeryng, Elena Obrascova, Katia Ricciarelli and others.

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