

## Press Release

### Celje hosts outstanding events of the Seviqc festival

**Celje, 11 August 2025 – With an inspiring concert by the outstanding Fortepiano Ensemble, performed to a full house at the Narodni dom, the Seviqc festival of early and classical music began last Friday. Two works from the era of Viennese Classicism captivated the audience. On Saturday, the festival brought the most beautiful love poem of all time to the Cathedral of St Daniel, performed by the Italian Schola Romana Ensemble. In Celje, the festival continues on Wednesday, when we especially invite children and families to the hall of the Celje Music School.**

A special feature of the Seviqc festival is that concerts take place exclusively in cultural heritage sites. Celje, with its unique venues, has once again this year proudly and warmly welcomed this internationally acclaimed festival. **Deputy Mayor Samo Seničar** stated: "Already last year we felt how perfectly the rich musical heritage of Europe complements the unique historical locations of our city. Seviqc not only brings excellent concerts, but also connects music and cultural heritage, giving us the feeling that history can always be brought to life anew through music. With this festival, we reaffirm Celje's rich cultural character."

**Festival Director Klemen Ramovš** commented on the opening and mission of the festival: "We opened the Seviqc festival with seasoned artists of outstanding international careers, who are among the very best on the world stage. This follows the philosophy and strategy of our festival. Many visitors attended the second concert precisely because they were inspired by the first, when two of the most recognisable wind quintets by Mozart and Beethoven resounded on period instruments. And the audience is key – we work for them, and only the audience's enthusiasm can make every subsequent edition of the festival even better. I am delighted that Celje has welcomed us with open arms. The link between the city's remarkable history and the rich musical treasury of past centuries is the key to an even more successful future – not only for the city, but also for our country and for our reputation on the European and world stage. This is also proven by the visit and enthusiasm of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Tanja Fajon, at the opening of the festival. I am convinced that with a supportive culture, it will also be easier for foreign policy to achieve its objectives, which in turn contributes to a more successful economy and society as a whole."

### Wednesday for children and families

We look forward to Wednesday's festival evening, when we especially invite children and families to the hall of the Celje Music School. The ensemble *Messa di Voce* – Urška Cvetko (recorder, kamishibai), Ajda Porenta (baroque violin) and Izidor Erazem Grafenauer (baroque guitar, theorbo) – will prepare a "Baroque jukebox" for them. Visitors will be able to listen to baroque hits accompanied by kamishibai. The musicians promise a playful, educational and magical experience. After the concert, children will also have the opportunity to ask the artists questions.

Until 22 August, Celje's Seviqc festival events will also take place at the Old Counts' Mansion, the Celje Music School and the Cathedral of St Daniel, while conversations with the artists will be hosted by the Mestna Kavarna Celje and Kavarna Oaza. The festival programme is available here: [Seviqc – events](#).

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