

Festival Maribor 2011

The Magic of Togetherness

Both [Monika Leskovar](#) and [Giovanni Sollima](#) have attained worldly acclaim. Already as a child the Croatian cellist managed to amaze the musical world with her exceptional talent. Winning numerous prizes at international competitions, impressing musical masterminds as Mstislav Rostropovich and building her career, has made her one of the most sought-after cellists today. The career of Giovanni Sollima, the "Jimi Hendrix of cello", is twofold: not only is he an acclaimed cello virtuoso and regular guest at the most prestigious concert halls and festivals all over the world, but also an ingenious composer, who created a truly unique musical language by overcoming the boundaries between different musical genres.

[Festival Maribor](#) is proud to offer its stage to the two magnificent musicians, who share their love for music and each other, presenting our audiences with a chance to enjoy the "magic", which, as described by Monika, happens when they perform together: "As though we have very similar views on music, something extraordinary happens when we play together: when I perform on my own, it sounds somehow masculine, but when I'm performing with Giovanni I become very feminine. He, on the other side, plays extremely manly, when performing on his own, but becomes softer, gentler, when playing together with me."

Monika Leskovar and Giovanni Sollima at the Festival Maribor 2011 between 1st and 11th September:

[Morning Reflections 1: Inspired by Harmonies](#)

Saturday, 3rd September 2011, St. Aloysius Church at 11.00

[Boundless Creativity](#)

Monday, 5th September 2011, Union Hall at 19.30

One of their wonderful concerts:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXooAGnBp50>

Ticket [pre-sale](#) can be found on the internet and at the [Eventim Outlets](#).

Kind regards from your Festival Maribor Team