

Music and arrangement by

Vladimir Graić

- As a composer of the winning song "Prayer" interpreted by Marija Šerifović in Helsinki, thanks to which Serbia, or rather Belgrade hosted the Eurovision Song Contest 2008, Graić earned a place in music history. It was the first time Serbia was represented at the International European music scene and that debut was recorded in letters of gold. Even today, seven years later, the "Prayer" is our only Eurovision victory. In the history of the Eurovision Song Contest it is the only victory won by the country debuting at this prestigious music contest. Graić was born in Belgrade on February 19, 1968. Parallel to primary and secondary school he attended the Josif Marinković music school and subsequently the Piano Department at the Mokranjac Music School. He graduated from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electric Power and Energy Systems specializing in electroacoustics. Since 1996 he has been employed at the Radio Television of Serbia, initially as a music editor at the Entertainment Programming Division, and since 2000 as programming editor-in-chief of RTS Music Production Company (PGP RTS) where he remained until the end of 2008.

- Now he is working as a freelancer. His compositions have won many festival awards (over 20 first prizes), including a victory in the most prestigious European music contest, the Eurovision Song Contest 2007 (with the song "Prayer"). Moreover, his compositions have repeatedly been proclaimed the great hit of the year, to name just a few: composition "Go away" interpreted by Maja Nikolić in 1994, "Take me" (Maja Nikolić, 1998), "In the Meantime" (OK Band, 2000), "Crazy Summer Dance" performed by the Flamingos (2006), composition "Prayer" interpreted by Marija Šerifović. In 1994 he was pronounced the composer of the year by the expert jury of the MESAM music festival; in 2000 he got an award at the Popularity Oscar event, in 2006 at the "Zlatni melos" event, in 2007 at the "Sunny Scales" festival and at the Radio festival FERA. Since 1986 he has been the member of the Association of Jazz, Pop and Rock Musicians, and he has the title of a performing artist. He is also a member of the Composers Association of Serbia where he has been on the Board of Directors since 2011. He is also a member of the Serbian Music Authors Organization, and for the past four years he has been a member of the German performance rights organization GEMA. He was awarded the prestigious "Golden Ring" prize by the City of Belgrade Culture/Education Union. He is the director of the creative arts agency "Revolution" that includes his own music studio.