

Zlatan Stipišić

(born 13 August 1968), also known as **Gibonni**, is a Croatian singer-songwriter and composer.^[1] He is one of the most successful and awarded recording artists from Croatia, receiving record-high 43 [Porin](#) music awards for his albums and songs.

Among his earliest solo works, "Činim pravu stvar" and "Divji cvit" are widely considered to be one of the most emotional Croatian-language songs of all time.

Born in a family with a strong musical tradition (his father, [Ljubo](#), was a well-known composer and poet), Zlatan Stipišić who later embraced the nickname *Gibonni*, began his career in the 1980s with the heavy metal band [Osmi putnik](#). After the group disbanded, Stipišić joined [Divlje jagode](#), recording a few demo tapes before disbanding. It was [Zeke Lipovača](#), the [lead guitarist](#) of Jagode, who gave Stipišić the nickname *Gibonni*.^[6]

Gibonni started his solo career in the 1990s with songs that combined elements of rock, modern pop and Dalmatian folk songs. He soon created a huge following, especially among Croatian youth. Gibonni's popularity continued to grow beyond Croatia and he is currently one of the most popular and influential musicians in the territories of the former [Yugoslavia](#). Gibonni wrote the song "Cesarica" for [Oliver Dragojević](#) which became one of Oliver's signature hit songs and one of the most popular and well-known songs in Croatia.