

## **Märkische Allgemeine – Newspaper for the Land Brandenburg**

### **CONCERT: Cheering for young violinist**

Pupils from the music school played together with guests from the USA

POTSDAM/CITY – The stop in Potsdam was worthwhile: The youth orchestra „El Camino Youth Symphony“ from Palo Alto (USA), that is on concert tour throughout Europe at the moment, was acclaimed in St. Nicholas' Hall (Nikolaisaal) on Wednesday. The municipal music school's youth symphony orchestra was the host.

Piano teacher Sigrid Pippig had welcomed the guests in English. The music school's students under the baton of Jürgen Runge let musical greetings follow: They played the “Great March” by Richard Wagner's opera “Tannhaeuser”. Then, they left the stage to take a seat among the audience in order to listen to the following violin concerto in E Minor by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. The American Hannah Tarley played it on the violin. Clear tunes even in the highest octaves and long solo filled the audience with enthusiasm. Cheering and loud applause were the reward for the 17-years-old soloist.

Then, the local favorite Jonas Finke would showcase his talent. In June, the French hornist had been awarded a First Prize winning the highest possible score for Brandenburg at the Federal Youth Musical Competition “Jugend musiziert”.

Peter Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor concluded the concert. “This Symphony is something to dream of”, the music school student Liane Albrecht (violin) said. The audience was enthusiastic about the skills of the string and wind players. The listeners could show their enthusiasm only to a limited degree: The Russian conductor Camilla Kolchinsky stopped the applause in between by a gesture. However, after the last tone had faded away, she could not stop the enthusiastic whistles, the long applause and the standing ovation any longer.

The two youth orchestras performed the Slavonic Dance No. 8 by Dvorak together as an encore. In the end, 150 musicians plus instruments and music stands filled every inch of the stage in St Nicholas' hall and made the final an exciting highlight.  
(by Aileen Weise)