

The PIANIST:INNEN MUSIKSCHULE SEEGEMEINDE a guest of Rachmaninoff's

Monday, June 3, 2024, concert at 7:15 pm

Report by Andrea Loetscher, Artistic and Managing Director of the Serge Rachmaninoff Foundation

10 music students from the Seegemeinden music school proudly presented their skills. The Carte Jaune for the music school at the invitation of the Serge Rachmaninoff Foundation, including an aperitif afterwards and ad hoc guided tours.

The youngest pianist in Franziska Schärli's piano class, Leonhard, has been playing the piano for a year. His first concert in his life took place on Rachmaninoff's Grand Piano in the Villa Senar. These are formative moments. This was followed by pianists who played the piano with self-confidence, virtuosity and conviction. The program was multifaceted and spanned Rachmaninoff's cosmos: works by Tchaikovsky, film music, Beethoven, folk songs and the flea waltz.

The students announced the pieces themselves and individually, from shy to convincing, and revealed insights into their selection, what they particularly like about the piece, why they like playing it and what they have learned in the process. There was a moderation by the students, very personal. This is how the students conveyed the music to the audience. It quickly became clear which parents belonged to which young artist: The cameras on the phones were omnipresent in zoom function. Afterwards, everyone was invited to Rachmaninoff's terrace for a drink and aperitif at sunset. The end was perfect, the joy and pride palpable, the hospitality of the Serge Rachmaninoff Foundation rounded off the concert evening.

Mixed audience, fans of the students, concertgoers, family members. Ticket price 50 CHF. Only 10 tickets on sale, as parents and fans were allowed to come free of charge.

The Serge Rachmaninoff Foundation has borne the full costs for this event: piano tuning, catering, programmes, marketing, ticketing, organization, presence of Managing & Artistic Director Andrea Loetscher, 2 employees for ticket control and security, use of infrastructure, cleaning. Lump sum 5000 CHF.

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