

GOLDEN NOTE 2018:

CHARITY-CONCERT FOR HIGHLY GIFTED CHILDREN

The second concert, "Golden Note" founded by Leona König took place on the 11th of March 2018 in the sold out Brahms Saal of the Musikverein of Vienna and was attended by 600 guests. Nine highly talented Violinists between the ages of 8 and 15 years old were chosen by university professor Michael Frischenschlager, Anna Gutowska from the University of Music and Performing Art of Vienna and university professor Regina Brandstätter from the University of Music and Performing Arts of Graz. Members of the Jury also included Snezana Kis from Klosterneuburg and Michaela Giradi from Graz.

The young talents demonstrated their skills to the distinguished committee, composed by Valentina Nafornita, opera singer of the Staatsoper in Vienna, Aleksey Igudesman, violinist, composer and entertainer, Clemens Unterreiner, opera singer and Paul Gulda talented pianist, who submitted the prize to the most talented child of each age category.

The winners were Kai Gergov (8 years), Fidelis Rümmele (11 years), Julia Dueñas (13 years) and Paloma Bharucha (14 years). They were glad to receive certificates and trophies. All the participants will be given the possibility to attend master classes in order to further their musical education. These classes will take place at the Music and Dance faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague this summer.

A prize of 5000 Euros will be gifted to best child of each category and part of the prize is to play a concert with the orchestra.

"These young talents will create the melodies of the future. am very proud to know that these unique talents live in Austria," said Leona König.

A pleasant reunion also took place between three of the four winners of the Golden Note 2017. Soley Blümel (9 years old), Filip Trifu (13 years old) and Ania Druml (15 years old) played a piano piece with the Young Masters orchestra, an ensemble of highly gifted soloists from the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna and the Johann Sebastian Bach music school.



The event was under the patronage of the world famous pianist **Rudolf Buchbinder**. Involved were also **Bernhard Ramsauer** (Liechtensteinische Landesbank, main Sponsor of IMF), **Daniela De Souza** (fashion designer), **Alexander Pereira** (artistic director of La Scala in Milan), **Lidia Baich** (starviolinist), **Amra Bergmann** (stage designer), **Julia Florez** (wife of Juan Diego Florez), **Daniel Serafin** (artistic director), **Harald und Inge Serafin** (Ex-artistic director), **Alexandra und Matthias Winkler** (Hotel Sacher) and **Elisabeth Himmer-Hirnigl** (PR Lady).

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GOLDEN NOTE 2019

for the best chamber musicians will take place on **March 22th, 2019 at 7 pm** in the Wiener Konzerthaus. A prestigious distinguished committee composed by Dominique Meyer, director of the Vienna state Opera, Tibor Kovac musician of the Vienna Philharmoniker, Alma Deutscher child prodigy, composer and violinist 13 years old, will prize the young talents.