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Music school

"Jugend musiziert": Bocholt students win four first prizes at the regional competition

Excellent results for musicians

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Convincing as a string ensemble: Lotta Blenker, Matilda Varone, Lara Nienhaus and Wiebke Seggewiß from the Bocholt Music School.

On **Saturday, 28 January 2023**, four ensembles consisting of nine music students from the Bocholt-Isselburg Music School took part in the 60th regional competition "Jugend musiziert" in Heek. All in all, the young talents from Bocholt won four first prizes in their categories. Two of the ensembles will go on to the regional competition in Münster.

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After a warm-up period in specially equipped rooms, the actual competition began. All participants were judged separately in age groups. Depending on the age, a self-selected audition programme of between six and 20 minutes with music from different epochs was expected.

The students achieved the following results:

String ensemble, mixed instrumentation, age group II

Christina Amalia Seggewiße (violin); Malik Geisler (viola)

23 points

1st prize *with forwarding*

String ensemble, mixed formations, age group III

Lara Nienhaus (violin); Lotta Blenker (viola); Matilda Varone (violin); Wiebke Seggewiß (violoncello)

21 points

1st prize

String ensemble, same instruments, age group II

Aurélio Castro Belting (violoncello); Thomke Schober (violoncello); Isabel Feldberg (violoncello)

22 points

1st prize

String ensemble, same instruments, age group III

Matilda Varone (violin); Lara Nienhaus (violin)

23 points

1st prize *with forwarding*

Dry spell through Corona

"It is pleasing that after the lean period due to Corona, the number of participants in the competition is slowly increasing again," reports music school director Claudia Borgers. She noticed a great atmosphere on site, the participation from Bocholt and above all the great results. "This is a huge success, everyone can be very proud of their achievements."

"Regardless of the competition result, the intensive preparation promotes the musical development of every single participant. Seeing the enthusiasm with which the musicians presented their pieces shows that the competition is about much more than points and prizes," emphasises the Bocholt music school director. In addition to the dedicated pupils, the teachers of all participants also contributed to this result with their numerous extra rehearsals and personal commitment. This year the pupils were prepared by the teachers Christiane Schröder, Priska Strümpfel, Gabriele Nußberger.

For Matilda Varone, Lara Nienhaus and Christina Seggewiße and Malik Geisler, the competition continues at the state competition in Münster from 24 to 28 March.

About the "Jugend musiziert" Competition

In the "Jugend musiziert" competition, expert juries of music educators, lecturers and specialist teachers in the respective instrumental fields classify the performances into a point system of 0-25 points, to which corresponding prizes or predicates are then assigned.

The financing of this competition under the patronage of the Federal President and in the content-related sponsorship of the German Music Council is ensured by the districts of Borken and Coesfeld, the cities and municipalities as well as the savings banks in the region.

Selected participants from the districts of Borken and Wesel on the right bank of the Rhine will present their works on 12 February 2023 at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Music and Art School in Wesel.