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“Nomen est omen” so said Dr. Stephan Krufft, the President of the Rotary Club in Bad Homburg having in mind the 25-year old Evgenia Rubinova who is a “Rubin” (Ruby) among the young pianists of this generation.

Evgenia Rubinova started her concert in Bad Homburg with the Mozart Sonata in B-flat Major, K333. She played the first movement transparently and with clarity, the second movement was serene and tranquil with lyrical intensity. The third movement was quite lively with Ms. Rubinova’s virtuosity supporting a simple theme.

A totally different musical atmosphere was created when Evgenia Rubinova embarked on the ‘Six Moments Musicaux’ Op. 16 of Sergei Rachmaninoff. In the ‘Andantino’ she developed wonderful dynamics imbedded in a song of melancholy. She presented the ‘Allegretto’ with passionate feeling and running tension, the ‘Andante Cantabile’ was full of deep sorrow. Her ‘Presto’ was indeed very powerful and extremely fast, exploding like fireworks! With returned mellowness of the Adagio she took the audience back to a simple peaceful melody. In the Finale (Maestoso) the pianist achieved huge volumes of well-rounded sound even in spite of a very small grand piano.