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Berenberg Bank Foundation of 1990: Harpist Anaëlle Tourret awarded Berenberg Culture Prize 2019

Hamburg. Around 400 guests attended last night's Berenberg Culture Prize ceremony at Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie concert hall. The 10,000 euro award went to Harpist Anaëlle Tourret.

French-born **Anaëlle Tourret** studied under Prof. Xavier de Maistre at the Hamburg Academy of Music and Theatre, finishing in 2016 with a graduate recital. Anaëlle Tourret regularly gives solo and chamber concerts, as well as appearing as solo harpist with well-known orchestras. She has won various international competitions like the renowned International Harp Contest in Israel, where she took second place in 2015. She also performs as a soloist with the NDR Elbe Philharmonic Orchestra. "Anaëlle Tourret is an extraordinary talent whose virtuoso harp playing captivates listeners," said Trustee Board member Prof. Dr. Elmar Lampson, who awarded the Berenberg Culture Prize together with Dr. Hans-Walter Peters, spokesman of the managing partners of Berenberg, Germany's oldest private bank.

Trumpeter **Alejandro Orozco Hincapié** of Colombia and Russian soprano **Irina Bogdanova** received scholarships.

The Berenberg Bank Foundation of 1990 was founded to mark the bank's 400th anniversary. Each year it awards the Berenberg Culture Prize, one of the most generously endowed new talent awards in North Germany. In addition, the Foundation supports art education by providing scholarships and project funding. "Berenberg has promoted culture in Hamburg for many years. We feel a special responsibility to help young artists and thereby further anchor Hamburg's reputation as a cultural metropolis," said Peters. So far over €1 million have gone to benefit new cultural talent.

Peters expressed his special thanks to Trustee Board members Katharina Trebitsch (film producer), Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hermann Rauhe (Honorary President of the Hamburg Academy of Music and Theatre), Prof. Dr. Elmar Lampson (President of the Hamburg Academy of Music and Theatre) and Prof. Martin Köttering (President of the Hamburg Academy of Graphic Arts), who have supported the work of the Foundation for many years.

Caption: Berenberg Culture Prize awardee Anaëlle Tournet with Dr. Hans-Walter Peters, spokesman of the managing partners of Berenberg (photo: Bertold Fabricius, reprint free of charge)

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