

## MÄRKISCHE ODERZEITUNG

### **Just let your soul flow!**

Rick Derman rocks in Club Marchwitza in Eisenhüttenstadt.

What does a real musician do if he has to win his bread from a boring day job?, Rick Derman asked himself that question about two years ago, before he decided to give up his computer job to live only from playing music.

Everybody who was in Club „Marchwitza“ this Friday evening was convinced that Rick Derman had made the right decision. „I wanted to have fun doing music“, the singer from Connecticut, explained.

That was clear to see, though he offered only cover songs, albeit well performed. „It's a dilemma a musician has to deal with, when he's not a famous rock star“, he said. To go on stage with only his own songs seemed „too risky“ for him. „The people want to hear songs they know“, so he does them the favour. „I'd rather play cover versions than die of boredom on my day job“ said Derman. David Bowie and Tom Petty are his idols. A pity that he didn't show us how these pop giants influenced his own compositions.

For more than two hours he performed many classics from the rock and pop canon. From „Love Song“ to „Hello Marie Lou“ to „Ain't No Sunshine“ . But not only songs from the „golden fifties“ and the „roaring sixties“ were presented to the audience. More modern songs like „Losing My Religion“ from REM were also part of his program. He mesmerized his audience with Trini Lopez' famous song „If I Had a Hammer“ and on Buddy Holly's „That'll Be The Day“, some people even whistled along.

„When I saw these three girls in front dancing to the music I was sure that everybody was having a good time“, joking about an audience that had been a bit reserved in the beginning.

After a break, the singer, who has lived for about 2 years in Berlin, showed his talent for smoother and more contemplative songs, Just the right music to let your soul flow. But he finished his concert with the speedy sounds of „Born To Be Wild“!

Photo caption: „Passionate- Rick Derman at his show in Marchwitza“.