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**American conquers the cathedral town.
Rick Derman with impressive solos in
„Ideenschmiede“ The crowd was inspired!**

After an empty „Rose Monday“, the „Ideenschmiede“ live-music Wednesday night event was full again. The American Rick Derman delivered his distinctive music. It was by far the best music to be offered in a long time in the category „solo rock“ in Naumburg. With professionalism, and strong and dynamic power, Rick Derman gave a top concert. On the E- guitar, as well as acoustic, he demonstrated his master skills. His playing seemed to be nearly perfect. The voice united all that the rock genre needed. Touching and persuasive in quiet ballads, smokey and soft in blues but still powerfull and dynamically in rock songs. Derman offered cover- versions. The songs of the Kinks, Stones and many other bands were reproduced perfectly, yet with a personal touch.

Rick Derman has lived in Germany for about two years. For this rather short time, his German is exceptionally good. In Berlin Rick has his own band, „Rick Derman and the Cry“. The four members play in a classic formation: two guitars, bass and drums. In contrast to his solo appearances, in the band Rick plays mainly his own songs. His playing style is mainstream rock, „somewhere between Boston and Bryan Adams“. He dreams of getting a record deal in Germany. In the States he has already produced two LP's, „successfully“, Rick adds.

With his solo appearances he hopes to make a name for himself. „As an unknown musician it's difficult to reach the audience with new original songs.“

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