

2008年世界婦女論壇于10月17日在美國匹茲堡市隆重舉辦,來自世界60多個國家的領導人及代表共900多人歡聚在這古老而美麗的城市。

此次大會的重頭戲是在閉幕式上將一年一度的唯一獲獎者授予來自中國的全國人大副委員長、全國婦聯主席顧秀蓮女士。在大會宣佈獲獎者之前,特別請到當地著名的年僅17歲的美籍華人青年鋼琴家ALVIN ZHU(朱煥文)為大會表演一首獨奏曲“利斯特匈牙利狂想曲第12號”,ALVIN高難度的技術和優美的琴聲及表演姿勢博得了全場的喝彩,當他演奏完最後一個音符時,全場歡呼並起立為他鼓掌,當地的報紙及大會的主持人,著名的ABC新聞主持人CARL SIMSON稱ALVIN的演出把大會的氣氛推倒了最高潮。接下來由當地的音樂家朱煥先生率領“海華青少年樂團”為大會演奏了一曲根據中國



一場令人難忘的音樂會

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因為今年夏天他帶領海華樂團前往意大利參加世界青少年藝術節,而藝術節更是把ALVIN放在開幕式的壓軸節目上,他的精彩演出同樣受到了各國嘉賓的讚揚,這次又是為世界婦女論壇第一次發獎給一個中國人,我們作為一個華僑,感到非常自傲,雖然從接到邀請到演出只有3個星期,為了寫這些樂曲,他有兩夜沒有睡覺,但心里非常激動,他特別感謝團員的家長們的支持,特別是還有一個團員從克里夫蘭開了3個小時來參加演出,還有OCA舞獅團的大力幫忙,才能使這次活動辦得如此精彩,而最主要的是通過這次活動使孩子們見到了世界婦女論壇歷屆的得獎者,有科學家、宇航員、外交部長、副總理、奧林匹克金牌得主等等,從他們的身上學到了刻苦學習,平易近人的高尚品德,他堅信通過他一次又一次的帶領孩子們走向世界,將來他們在社會上一定會取得巨大的成就的!



樂曲改變的“花兒與少年”,使全場充滿了濃濃的中國氣氛,最後大會主持人宣佈請獲獎人上台領獎時,我的耳邊響起了在中國家喻戶曉的歌曲,年近70歲的顧女士伴隨着海華樂團為她演奏的“歌唱祖國”的樂曲,莊嚴及穩步地走上了主席臺,在她發表獲獎感言之後,海華樂團又為全場演



奏了“難忘今宵”,來自當地的OCA舞獅團也為大會表演了傳統的中國獅子舞,最後大會以“大海啊,我的故鄉”音樂聲中圓滿地結束了。會後我採訪了朱煥先生,如何參與進了這次的活動,他說,當初接到主辦方對ALVIN的邀請是



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