

The Voice of Germany: Transgender candidate inspires the coaches

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Sabrina Philippart sang on "The Voice of Germany" five years ago. The transgender candidate is now making a comeback as George.

In the last episode of "The Voice of Germany" (October 18), a special talent appeared on the stage: George Philippart (30) from Luxembourg was a candidate for the music show in 2015 – back then as Sabrina. Five years ago, the talent with opera singing convinced three coaching teams and decided on the team of Rea Garvey (47). Later, however, it was not enough for advancement. "When I watch Sabrina's blind audition, it's a stranger," said George before his comeback appearance.

"The time as Sabrina was exhausting, marked by depression, dissatisfaction and self-hatred," said George. During puberty, he did not feel that he belonged to any group, but never said anything about it. "When I look back now, it has been so clear." A doctor then brought him to the term transgender – which was a relief. "The first hormone injection was a relief." The first thing that changed was his voice, George continued. "I had a problem, because if I can no longer sing, what else can I do ..."

Which team does George sing in?

But he has rediscovered his voice. With his renewed "The Voice" appearance he would like to prove "that it is worth having courage. My path is not over yet, but at some point I will arrive, completely." With the soulful song "Si T'étais là" and his clearly changed voice, he again convinced three teams: Mark Forster (37), Nico Santos (27) and Doppelstuhl Yvonne Catterfeld (40) and Stefanie Kloß (35). "We all heard a woman, didn't we?" Remarked Catterfeld. "Funny that you mention it because I've been here before, back then in a woman's body."

After his voice break, which had brought about the hormone therapy, he wanted to move forward with his new voice and sing the songs he always wanted to sing, he explained to the amazed coaches. In the end, George relies on the help of a double chair: Yvonne Catterfeld and Stefanie Kloß welcome him to their team.