

**Grußwort
des Präsidenten der
Technischen Universität Berlin
Prof. Dr. Christian Thomsen
im Lichthof der TU Berlin am 24. Juni 2015**



Es gilt das gesprochene Wort!

Your Majesty,
Your Royal Highness,
Herr Bundespräsident,
Frau Schadt,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Traditionally, a Queen's Lecture is not only about science but also includes music. These two fields have one thing in common: Both transcend borders because they rely on international exchange and mutual inspiration.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the symphony orchestra and chorus of our Collegium Musicum, a joint initiative of Freie Universität Berlin and Technische Universität Berlin. The Collegium brings together German and international students from around 20 different countries to play music together. In recent years, the group has travelled to the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Poland, Spain and many other countries.

Although they have not been to the UK yet, they will now lead us to the "Land of Hope and Glory". Please give a warm welcome to the Collegium Musicum with Elgar's March No.1 "Pomp and Circumstance".