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JUNE 17, BERLIN: Music, not Deportation "Aufspielen statt Abschieben - Music for Free Movement" (Action Days: June 13 to 17)

AUGUST 11-12, BÜCHEL: Music for Disarming "Aufspielen zum Abrüsten - Concert Blockade of the Atomic Weapons Depository in Büchel" (Action Days: August 8 to 12)

INVITATION to sing in our choir, to play in our orchestra, to help us with the practical organization or to come and be part of our active audience. Rehearsal Weekend in Kassel: May 24 to 26, 2013. We invite you to join us in the following endeavors.

AUFSPIELEN STATT ABSCHIEBEN - MUSIC FOR FREE MOVEMENT (Music, not Deportation - Music for Free Movement)

The refugees' organisation "Karawane" (thecaravan.org) is conducting an International Tribunal against the Federal Republic of Germany from June 13 to June 16, 2013 in Berlin. They are accusing the German local, state and federal governments of participating in sealing Europe off from its surrounding countries. This leads to thousands of deaths at its outer borders. Further accusations: subjection to racism on a daily basis, subjection to state induced forms of harassment such as inhumane barracking (Lager), virtual exclusion from the job market, imposition of residency obligations severely restricting freedom of movement, repeated threats of deportation etc. The Tribunal will also examine the crimes of the colonial era and its consequences, such as contemporary forms of economic colonialism.

Refugees and Migrants have been organizing in various networks for years. They have engaged in active resistance against humiliation, discrimination, segregation and inhumane treatment. Thus it came to frequent hunger strikes of persons crowded into barracks; protest camps were set up in the centers of cities; and around seventy refugees marched from Würzburg to Berlin between September 8 and October 6, 2012. They thereby openly disregarded the legally binding residency regulations imposed upon them.

Lebenslaute stands in solidarity with the refugees' organisations and supports the goals of the International Tribunal. In coordination with them Lebenslaute will emphatically carry their demands into the middle of the government district in Berlin on June 17, 2013. With a Concert Blockade Lebenslaute will openly and audibly stand in the way of those politicians and government officials who bear direct responsibility for these policies of state induced racism.

AUFSPIELEN ZUM ABRÜSTEN (Music for Disarming) - Concert Blockade of the Atomic Weapons Depository in Büchel

There are twenty nuclear weapons with the destructive power of 200 Hiroshima bombs permanently stationed in Germany. They are deposited underground at the military airbase near Büchel in the Eifel region. These weapons of mass destruction belong to the USA but are to be flown and dropped by the German air force in case of war. The procedures for this are practised regularly by German pilots.

Atomic weapons must be eradicated immediately, in Germany and universally. But for decades the German military and all previous government party coalitions have insisted upon retaining these nuclear bombs. Now they are even to be upgraded: the planned modernisation of the atomic bomb guidance systems will cost Germany 250 Million Euros, just to continue maintenance of the Tornados.

Antimilitaristic peace groups have long been protesting against the threat of murder which emanates from these weapons in Büchel. Over the years many actions have aimed at pouring sand in the transmission of this smoothly running, deadly military machine and have thereby made the protests known to a wider public.

On August 11/12 the collective action event "Abrüstungsinstrumente – Rhythm beats bombs. Musikblockade und Happening am Atomwaffenlager Büchel" will take place as part of the campaign "atomwaffenfrei.jetzt" (in English: Atomic Weapons Out Now!). Together with the other participating groups the chorus and orchestra of Lebenslaute will decisively block this entire military facility.

GOING BY THE NAME of LEBENSLAUTE

... musicians from all over Germany have been gathering annually since 1986 to form a full chorus and symphonic orchestra. On a regional basis there have been smaller but more frequent projects. We are an open group combining music with social action and perform mainly classical music in public places where this is not usually expected: on the grounds of military training areas, inside the halls of airports to prevent deportations, at nuclear production plants and rocket depositories, as well as the offices of the Department of Alien Residency and other places where human life is threatened.

In our choice of concert locations we are not swayed by official regulations; on the contrary Lebenslaute (English: Life(s) Sounds/Loud/Lute) actions seek confrontation through previously announced and conscious civil disobedience. Our serious concert attire highlights the legitimacy of our concern. Whenever possible we strive to strengthen and support local protest movements.

We prepare ourselves cooperatively and intensely for our concert actions and act in a united fashion. Each participant is responsible for himself/herself and decides to what degree he/she is willing to actively disobey the laws and regulations involved. Our decisions are made on the basis of mutual consent / grassroots democracy. The needs and concerns of all participants are taken into account. Those faced with possible legal ramifications are supported by the mutual solidarity of the Lebenslaute network and other cooperating groups.

MUSIC PROGRAM 2013

F. Mendelssohn: Symphony Nr. 4 op. 90, "Italian", 2. and 3. Movements; J.S. Bach: Introductory Chorus of Cantata BWV 39 with new wording; H. Eisler: Bilder aus der Kriegsfibel, excerpts, Text: B. Brecht; L. Janáček: Ach Krieg (Alas! War); M. Chao: Clandestino; Kraftwerk: Radioaktivität (Radioactivity) among others...

REHEARSAL WEEKEND in KASSEL: May 24 to 26, 2013

We become acquainted, begin rehearsals and thematic work on our projects in Berlin and Büchel. We plan our action projects. Room and Board (vegetarian/vegan) with cost sharing according to one's own financial estimate.

DAYS OF PREPARATION AND ACTION 2013: June 13 to 17 & August 8 to 12

(Arrivals for the Action Projects: in BERLIN June 12 & in BÜCHEL August 7) Here we rehearse our concert music, discuss our project planning and practise democratic consensus building, respecting the wishes of all. We prepare ourselves together for our action. Room and Board (vegetarian/vegan) with cost sharing according to one's own financial estimate.

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