

With Quavers and Triplets Against Climate-Killer-Coal ALL Villages Must Stay!

The fate of the six villages teetering on the rim of the stripmine „Garzweiler II“ in North Rhine-Westphalia will be decided this year: they are to be demolished due to the profit and power interests of RWE, the global energy company headquartered in Essen, Germany.

Lebenslaute is planning an action campaign of civil disobedience to support the local coalition „All Villages Must Stay!“ in preventing this destruction. We oppose the strip mining of RWE and also the former as well as the present energy policies of the German parliamentary parties CDU, SPD, GRÜNE, and FDP, responsible for decisions both at state level and federal level.

While the climate catastrophe relentlessly approaches, the reduction of CO2 emissions has been repeatedly postponed. The production of electricity using lignite is absolutely unnecessary. The „Rhine Mining Area“ with an annual yield of 100 million tons is the largest lignite zone in Europe. Brown coal has an extremely poor CO2 balance and accounts for more than 10% of Germany's CO2 emissions. This strip mining seriously damages the physical and mental health of humans, kills animals and destroys villages, forests, fields and all of nature.

In spite of climate change the Federal Government, as well as the „Laschet clique“ in North Rhine-Westphalia and the RWE Company are forging forward with the expansion of the strip mining area. RWE has drained the Hambacher Forest of vital water. RWE eradicated the Dome in Immerath and the village has been almost totally demolished. The federal and state governments are blocking the expansion of renewable energy projects with legislative initiatives and a policy of systematic disinformation. They held an expert opinion under lock and key which proves the superfluousness of destroying these villages in order to secure the power supply. Moreover these governments are burdening their populace with billions of Euros in compensation payments to RWE. To make matters worse, each additional day of lignite mining further raises the costs of renaturalizing the entire area. The present plan is to flood the gigantic strip mine pits, creating an area of lakes. Even if this plan were technically feasible it would take decades to fill and seriously increase the water shortage expected due to the changing climate.

The climate movement and the local initiatives have achieved a fair degree of success. This year the decision of the previous SPD/Green government to dig away these villages will be reconsidered by the present CDU/FDP one in NRW.

The village Luetzerath is almost completely destroyed. We want to support Luetzeraths last resident, a farmer, in his struggle against his compulsory expropriation and expulsion from his home.

We demand:

ALL Villages Must Stay!

Close All Brown Coal Open Mines Immediately!

We Want Citizen-Owned, Decentral, Renewable Energy Production!

A FUTURE FOR HUMANITY INSTEAD OF FOR POWER AND PROFIT!

LEBENSLAUTE Konzertaktion 2021

Weekend of Preparation and Rehearsal June 4 to June 6

We become acquainted, begin rehearsals and thematical work. Here there is plenty of work for voluntary supporters to do!

Action Days in the Rhine Mining Region August 10 to August 17

We are here at the invitation of „All Villages Stay!“

We rehearse our Concert Program and prepare for our Action and the Introductory Concert preceding it.

At both of the above events we provide accommodations and vegetarian/vegan cuisine. We pay for the costs mutually based on our individual financial self-assessment.

Concert Program 2021

Amongst others we'll prepare:

- Ludwig van Beethoven - A movement from Symphony Nr. 6
- Camille Saint-Saens - Danse macabre
- Aram Chatschaturjan - Sabre Dance
- Lili Boulanger - Hymne aus soleil
- Uli Klan - Seid Sand Be Sand!
- Fanny Hensel - Über allen Wipfeln
- Hugo Distler - Es geht ein' dunkle Wolk' herein, Text: Bernd Geisler
- Misty Mountains from - from the film music „The Lord of the Rings“ music: D. Donaldson, D. Long, S. Roche, J. Roddick

We welcome other contributions to the program: folk, jazz, dances, chamber music, improvisations, drama. We also welcome contributions by other action groups and participants, pre-announced and coordinated ahead of time.

Under the Banner of Lebenslaute.....

Groups have been coming together annually since 1986 for a weeklong Action Concert Project. Lay and professional musicians in the orchestra and chorus, technical and organisational supporters as well as an active audience take part; regionally smaller ensembles are active periodically during the year. This music and action group - open to all - lets music be heard in unexpected places: military training sites, deportation airports, at nuclear power plants and rocket bases, at the immigration authority and at other places where human life is endangered. We choose the locations of our actions according to what we consider to be legitimate.

Our Actions of Civil Disobedience seek to awaken debate and controversy through the purposeful and pre-announced violation of laws and regulations: blockades, occupations, fence-ope-nings, and entrance into restricted areas. We find it important to work with local protest movements and strengthen their impact in all that we undertake. We plan and make decisions regarding our actions using grass roots democracy; the needs, ideas and criticisms of everyone are taken into account. Each participant decides individually to what extent she wishes to participate and which risks are to be taken. We extend solidarity to one another in coming to terms with legal consequences should they arise.

Registration well in advance is an pre-requisite for participation!

Lebenslaute welcomes all musicians, orchestral and choral, as well as all who wish to be action supporters for both of the events listed above.

We ask all those who wish to participate in the music making: please practice your parts thoroughly before the Rehearsal Weekend in June and also before the Action Week! Your parts will be available online well ahead of time.

Please let us know: What do you need in order to be able to take part in these events? (child-care, special help of any kind?)

How would you like to participate in our action project? Do you play an instrument? Which one? Which part do you sing? Do you wish to help with Orga-activities? What do you enjoy doing most?

For registration and/or more information please contact us at:

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Dealing with Corona

Of this we are certain: Once again, now in the second year of Corona, our Action Week will definitely take place. Of course we hope that the situation will have become more relaxed by the time we meet and that large group assemblies are possible. But we also have alternate plans should this not yet be the case. We intend to endanger neither ourselves or others and will do everything required, in order to slow the spread of the virus. We can now rely on our experiences in the Summer of 2020 and our wellproven hygiene and safety measures, which were so successful then. If it proves necessary, we will prepare our message with less preparation and/or use alternate forms in order to be seen and heard: All villages stay!

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All Villages Stay = **Alle Dörfer Bleiben**

In solidarity with the Lebenslaute-action:

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