

Operation Greenup – speech at the premiere on 18th April 2015

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The composition “Operation Greenup” tells in a program musical way the incidents of the same named hidden OSS-operation. In the course of that operation Frederick Meyer, Hans Hynberg and the native of Oberperfuss Franz Weber found out information about the National Socialists for the United States of America. Main dramaturgical elements of the composition are:

- the flyover of the plane with the three spies,
- the drop of the team and it’s travel to Oberperfuss,
- the reunion of Franz Weber and his fiancé,
- the spying by Frederick Meyer plus it’s capture and torture through GESTAPO-officers,
- the end of World war 2 and the liberation of Europe,
- the rebuilding of Europe and at the end of the composition stands the ideal of a peaceful society.

Currently also people on various places in the world are threatened by dangers through for example war, hatred or violence. These dangers and threats have to be fiercely judged and we must try to help these people, give them asylum and respect them as humans – regardless to which religion they belong, from which nation they come or of which color they are. In World war 2 people inter alia from Russia, England and America fought against the terror regime of the National socialists. People like Frederick Meyer, Hans Wynberg and Franz Weber and those numerous persons that hid them, lied for them and though risked their life. Some of them sacrificed their life and were killed in war. Today we are responsible to campaign for peace in the world and to support for example those people, whose life, whose human rights and whose human dignity is threatened.

The composition “Operation Greenup” ends with all voices unison, which stands for the dream of an ideal society, whose individuals live in peace. Thereby this composition should dignify those people, who campaigned and campaign for a peaceful society and it should remember those people, who fell victim to the hatred of other people. But it should also encourage us to campaign for values like peace, respect and altruism.

Now I'm glad to present you the Peter Anich Musikkapelle Oberperfuss under the direction of bandmaster Erwin Probst with the premiere of the composition "Operation Greenup". Enjoy it.