

Controversial New Musical puts the US Government on High Alert

A controversial new musical called "The Patriot Acts" by Jeff Neugebauer has put the U.S. Government Homeland Security and CIA on high alert because of its radical content.

May 20, 2008 (FPRC) -- The new rock musical by Jeff Neugebauer (Mill Valley, CA) has put the White House, CIA, and Homeland Security on high alert because of its radical political content. "The Patriot Acts" is a seething artistic interpretation about the events leading up to 9/11, the ensuing war with Iraq that followed, and the national sentiments of frustration and anger. Neugebauer's musical suggests that true patriots take up arms against misguided governments - beginning with the top leaders. Consequently US security is concerned.

In Neugebauer's musical, a group of unscrupulous politicians use their political power for personal gain. They execute a plan to "allow" a terrorist attack on their nation. They then use the attack as a reason to declare war on an uninvolved country where they can secure lucrative contracts for their companies and make billions of dollars from its resources (oil). Meanwhile, a young soldier who recently joined the military as a way of getting a college education finds himself shipped off to fight in an illegitimate war. During his tour, the real motives of the war become evident. Before the son comes home safely, he and his buddies are surprised by an ambush. The son dies saving the lives of several members of his troop. The politicians decide to use the son's heroic act as more propaganda to promote and support their war. The son's angry mother is requested by the Politicians to attend a ceremony where her dead son is honored with a medal for his courage. She uses the event to commit the ultimate act of patriotism.

Reminiscent of the death of Patrick Tillman and Casey Sheehan (with a radical twist), the musical is Neugebauer's first. According to Scott Miller, owner of St. Louis based New Line Theater, "The show feels a little like "Tommy" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" (in the best ways) but it also really has its own sound and style. Very powerful stuff." San Francisco area venues are already preparing to premier the performance before the upcoming presidential election. The show will certainly raise some conservative eyebrows considering the ongoing, unpopular war.

Neugebauer, who wrote "We Don't Want Your War" (dubbed by activists as the anthem for the Iraq Peace Movement) states, "I wrote the musical because I wanted to express what people have been feeling for the last several years. Furthermore, I had to do it before free speech is completely obliterated".

"The Patriot Acts" can be heard for free online at <http://www.thepatriotacts.com> or <http://www.broadwayspace.com/profile/JeffNeugebauer>. The entire musical can also be purchased for \$10 and then downloaded from the web (mp3 format). The script, composition, entire performance and production was done solely by Jeff Neugebauer - truly a monumental accomplishment taking over 3 years to complete. For information on New Line Theatre visit <http://www.newlinetheatre.com>.

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