

Interview

Alberto: Hello, I'm Alberto and today we are interviewing Mr. Peter Maffay about his experience in Waldkraiburg. A big „hello“ to our special guest.

Alberto: Soo... Mr. Peter how are you feeling today?

Peter: I'm feeling good actually, glad to be here. Waldkraiburg has always had a special place in my heart. 😊

Alberto: Oh really? Could you talk a bit about it?

Peter: Yeah, of course! So I was born in Brasov in Romania the 30th of August in 1949. When I was 14, so in 1963, I moved here with my parents.

Alberto: And what was your reason to move here?

Peter: My reason to move here was my family, they wanted to go to America but after a few weeks we felt like home in Waldkraiburg.

Alberto: I see... and why did it feel like home that quickly?

Peter: I think because of the diversity of this city, because so many people with different nationalities live here, nowadays there are about 104 types of it. We noticed pretty fast that it was a place full of hope for everyone.

Alberto: So how did you start your music career?

Peter: So, my music career started in Waldkraiburg, because a band asked me to participate in it. So my first concerts were at the restaurant called „Weißer Hirsch“ which was situated next to today's Gymnasium Waldkraiburg. Unfortunately it burned down in 2010.

Alberto: What was your band's name?

Peter: So at first we called ourselves the „Beat Boys“. I know, that's not very imaginative, but after that we changed our name into the „Dukes“. 😊

Alberto: And what was about school?

Peter: Oh I didn't care much about school because the music was much more important for me than my grades.

Alberto: So is music still important for you or do you focus on other things?

Peter: I am still a musician, because I think music will always be a part of my life but right now I am focusing on social projects. For example I have a foundation, it's called Tabaluga and we build orphanages for poor kids in Germany and in Romania I care for a whole village, which is called Roades. Furthermore I make projects against racism.

Alberto: What kind of projects?

Peter: For example a few weeks ago I joined an award of a school which got the honoring „School without racism – School with courage“. It had a special importance to me because that was the school Gymnasium Waldkraiburg. So I was surprised that they had chosen me because I thought they wanted to have a good example for the students as partner and like I've already mentioned that I didn't do well at school back then.

Alberto: Thank you for spending time with us And now we will watch your speech.