

Hi,

This is an open letter from Piotr Evdokimov and other concerned members of the community to Berghain and the bookers. I am a Russian citizen, a Berghain regular and have been coming to the club since 2018, attending regularly, and I have personal friends in the Ostgut family.

It has recently come to my attention that several Russian collaborators will be playing at the club in January/February, and based on the ongoing war and these peoples' tacit and in some cases overt support of Putin's campaign of murder, I demand that Berghain stop booking these artists until Russian aggression stops.

These artists include: **Philip Gorbachev** and **Etapp Kyle**. Through their associations, words, actions and social media behavior, these artists are in the best case turning a blind eye to Russia's war, and in the worst cases, openly supportive of the war.

Philip Gorbachev is good friends with Mashkov, who runs System 108 in Moscow, and who has reposted content from a pro war, patriotic Putin-loving anti-Ukrainian Telegram channel: https://pevdokim.github.io/system108_telegram.pdf . The original link, while it is not removed, is here: <https://t.me/system108/5410> . He never removed the post, and it is clearly, based on his social media postings, a Putin supporter.

Mashkov also has ties to big money in Russia. He collaborates with Mutabor (which is owned by an oligarch) and regularly throws parties there. Mashkov is a very close friend of Philip Gorbachev, who played at numerous System 108 parties and **is still a resident**, according to System 108's Telegram channel.

Gorbachev has received money from the Russian Ministry of Culture (!) and is connected to the orthodox church, which is one of Putin's main propaganda tools. He is outspoken about his connections to the Russian government and the Russian Orthodox Church (<https://daily.afisha.ru/music/13172-ya-prostoprishel-v-hram-na-pashu-i-zazvonil-filipp-gorbachev-o-novom-albome-kolokol/>). He stated in an interview that "the real reward comes from above. For example [...], we received money from the Ministry of Culture." He referred to Russian society as "our society" at a time when Russia already occupied Ukraine and was wrecking the Donbass.

Etapp Kyle is also good friends with Mashkov and others in the Russian scene. He released podcasts on System 108, and was scheduled to play at Mutabor just days before the invasion. He cut his teeth at Arma (Mutabor's precursor), which was run by nasty people, including right-wingers. For

instance there is the promoter Melik, who flew Nina Kraviz in to Signal Festival on a helicopter, and when the war started, posted some illuminati right wing anti-Ukraine stuff on Telegram.

Given the above facts, I respectfully demand on behalf of the Berghain community, that these artists' gigs are cancelled and they are not booked until the war ends.

I await your response or statement. Respectfully,

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