

Hi,

This is an open letter from Piotr Evdokimov and other concerned members of the community to Berghain and the bookers.

I am a Berghain regular and have been coming to the club since 2018. In the last two months, I was spending every weekend in the club, spending a lot of money, meeting people, and being a good dancer. 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. These include:

Vlada

Philip Gorbachev

Etapp Kyle

Daria Kolosova

The problem can be traced to **Mashkov**, who runs System 108 in Moscow, and **Nikita Zabelin**.

Nikita Zabelin is a Russian DJ from Yekaterinburg. My wife (Santa Valentina) knows him for years because she is from Yekaterinburg too. He came over to our house when we lived in Moscow for breakfast and talked for a long time about how close he is to Etapp Kyle, who put him on the guest list for Berghain multiple times (for which he flew to Berlin from Moscow), and with whose help (and that of Nina Kraviz) he played at Berghain too. As a side note, Zabelin and Nina Kraviz had a romantic affair at some point, as she did with many of her proteges.

My wife knows Zabelin's Berlin agent and met her for lunch. The agent told my wife that after the war started, Zabelin told her that Ukraine deserved to be attacked. She was in shock when she heard it and is not his agent anymore, to my knowledge.

Mashkov's partner has ties to big money in Russia (or had prior to the war - perhaps they are not together anymore). When the war started, Mashkov reposted something from a patriotic Putin-loving anti-Ukrainian Telegram channel. He never removed the post, and is a Putin supporter as far as I can tell.

He is also generally a nasty person. He, his very close friend Philip Gorbachev who played at a ton of System 108 parties, and my wife played at the same party in Moscow a couple of months before the war. My wife was not having the best set (empty dancefloor, etc), and I remember very well how Mashkov and Gorbachev were standing next to the DJ booth when she was playing looking judgmental and not supportive at all. I knew then and there that these are not good people with little regard for the community.

Etapp Kyle is also good friends with Mashkov and others in the Russian scene. He cut his teeth at Arma (Mutabor's precursor), which was run by nasty people, including right-wingers. For instance there is the Armenian promoter Melik, who when the war started posted some illuminati right wing anti-Ukraine stuff on Telegram. Etapp Kyle left Ukraine illegally when the war started.

Daria Kolosova messaged me on Instagram and threatened me to "watch your back" when I started making all this public. She does not provide financial support to Ukraine. Someone asked her to get involved in a fundraiser last summer, and she said that she "doesn't live in Ukraine anymore." She is seemingly a selfish person after her own interests only and not involved in the scene, in Berlin or Ukraine, other than through her connection to Etapp.

I demand that these people are not welcome at the club anymore and that their gigs are cancelled. I am waiting for your response or official statement.

Respectfully,
Piotr Evdokimov