

Riot Police Edit Play in Moscow

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Moscow riot police have censored a play set for a read-through at the Territoria festival in a park near the Sakharov Museum in downtown Moscow, bloggers involved in the production said.

The performance was not sanctioned by city authorities, who viewed it as a rally and dispatched police to the site on Saturday, according to a report published in the LiveJournal community of the Moscow-based Joseph Beuys Theater.

A police captain asked for the text of the play, written by German playwright Georg Genoux and describing sexual fantasies of a disabled girl, to be read aloud to him first, and only permitted the public read-through after performers agreed to use a euphemism rather than the Russian vulgarity for male genitalia used throughout, the report said.

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