

Bolshoi Artistic Director to Recover From Acid Attack in Germany

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The artistic director of the Bolshoi Ballet will be sent to a hospital in Germany for further treatment and recovery from an acid attack that badly burned his face and endangered his eyesight, a Russian doctor said.

Sergei Filin, 42, has undergone at least four eye operations and other surgery since a masked assailant splashed acid in his face as he returned home from the Bolshoi Theater late on Jan. 17.

Filin will be moved to Aachen, Germany, next week, Russia's chief ophthalmologist, Sergei Neroyev, told Interfax on Tuesday.

"By all appearances, there will be more operations [on Filin's eyes]," Neroyev said. "It's too early to say how long the recovery will take."

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