

Grozny Circus Set to Reopen in early 2014

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The circus building in Grozny, Chechnya, which was destroyed during the infamous war, is to see a revival in the coming year. The Minister of Culture of the republic, Dikalu Muzakayev, has now voiced hopes that residents will be able to attend the circus again by early 2014, according to RIA Novosti.

The circus had been the largest in the South, housed a number of notable horse riders, and even included its own training school for aspiring acrobats.

"Initially, we intend to establish a ... semi-permanent circus, which they put on Poklonnaya Gora in Moscow during the festival of circus arts," said the minister, Dikalu Muzakayev, who stated that they would begin preparing the area.

The issue was raised during his meeting with the Deputy Director General of the Russian State Circus Company, Boris Maikhrovsky.

Muzakayev stated that the national interest in reviving circus arts.

"With the advent of the arena we will be able to revive the circus school, which will be the only in the North Caucasus, and be able to teach children from other regions," said Muzakayev. It was suggested that this would include riding tuition.

According to Muzakayev, the structure is precision built and will capacitate 1200 seats. "This is not a tent with wooden benches, there are conditions ... even for VIP service," Muzakayev told the agency.

Maikhrovsky responded, stating the interest of the Russian State Circus Committee in reviving circus arts in the country and the preparation of plans to build a more permanent circus tent in the Chechen capital. The State Circus will oversee the program.

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