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Beets and a Sharp Knife Among Nick Cave's Requests Ahead of Russia Concerts

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Australian singer Nick Cave has requested that his dressing room be filled with beets and cabbage ahead of concerts in Moscow and St. Petersburg this month, a news report said Tuesday.

The 57-year-old rocker, who will perform at Moscow's Crocus City Hall on May 25 and St. Petersburg's Oktyabrsky Grand Concert Hall on May 26, also asked for carrots, Russian beer and half a bundle of celery, the RIA news agency quoted organizers in St. Petersburg as saying.

"This is a very familiar set! Maybe the artist wants to try real Russian borshch? In this instance, it is worth reminding Nick Cave that this dish cannot be made without sour cream and good meat," organizers said in a statement, according to the report.

Borshch, a soup dish made from cabbage, beets and meat, is widely associated with Russia.

Cave also requested "well-sharpened knives" and a "scented carpet" to be taken to his dressing room, RIA reported, though it remained unclear just what type of scent he wanted.

Cave, whose career has spanned more than 30 years, is known for his often dark and emotional music. He usually performs with his band, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, but his concerts in Russia will be solo outings.

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