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Russian Politician Mironov Promises Rap Battle Debates

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Russian politician Sergey Mironov has promised voters a series of pre-election rap battle debates ahead of next month's State Duma elections.

Sixty-three-year-old Mironov, who leads the political party A Just Russia, will take on the leaders of Russia's main political parties in a series of "debattles," his party's press office announced.

The Kremlin has so far neither confirmed nor denied the participation of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Mironov will perform under the pseudonym OxxxyMironov, alluding to one of the most high-profile names in Russian rap Miron Fyodorov. Fyodorov has performed under the name OxxxyMiron since the mid 2000s.

The rap debates will adhere to the same rules as many popular rap battles viewed online, challenging politicians to rhythmically rhyme whilst promoting their election manifestos.

The weekly debattles will be broadcast on YouTube starting on Aug. 5, with the winner decided by a public vote.

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