


## A Year After Acid Attack, Bolshoi Director to Visit New York

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Sergei Filin, the Bolshoi Ballet artistic director who was [wounded in an acid attack](#) last year, will come to New York in April as one of the judges in the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition, officials from the contest announced.

Mr. Filin is expected to make a couple of public appearances at performances marking the 15th anniversary of the prominent competition, which awards scholarships to young dancers — and which was recently featured in the documentary film [“First Position.”](#) Mr. Filin is expected to take a curtain call at the competition’s 15th anniversary [gala](#) on April 10 at the David H. Koch Theater, which will feature Olga Smirnova of the Bolshoi and Misty Copeland and other dancers from American Ballet Theater, among the performers. And Mr. Filin is scheduled to answer questions from the stage the following night, before a performance by several prominent dancers, including Sara Mearns of New York City Ballet, Herman Cornejo of the American Ballet Theater, and Alicia Graf Mack of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

The attack on Mr. Filin last year outraged the ballet world and threw the Bolshoi into turmoil. A former dancer in the company, Pavel V. Dmitrichenko, was sentenced to six years in a penal colony for ordering the attack, which partially blinded Mr. Filin. A spokeswoman for the competition said Mr. Filin’s sight in one eye was strong enough for him to act as a judge.



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Sergei Filin