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Bolshoi Ballet Artistic Director Welcomed as Judge for This Spring's YAGP

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Sergei Filin; photo by Alexander Nemenov/Agence France-Presse-Getty Images

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

The *New York Times* ArtsBeat blog said 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.

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 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 Filin. A spokeswoman for the competition said Filin's sight in one eye was strong enough for him to act as a judge.

To see the original story, visit http://artsbeat.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/02/16/a-year-after-acid-attack-bolshoi-director-to-visit-new-york/?_php=true&_type=blogs&module=BlogPost-

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