

Anti-Gay Groups Call on Authorities to Ban Elton John Concert

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Elton John is set to perform in Moscow on Dec. 6. **David Shankbone**

Union of Orthodox Brotherhoods coordinator Yuri Agheshchev has called on authorities to ban the upcoming Elton John concert in support of Russian gays.

"The statement by this gay guy — Elton John — about his support for gays and other perverts during the upcoming concert in Moscow is an insult to all Russian citizens," Agheshchev said.

"It also makes a mockery of our recently enacted law against the public propaganda of gay ideas," he told Novy Region news agency.

Agheshchev also appealed to church authorities and ordinary citizens to oppose Elton John's Dec. 6 show at Crocus City Music Hall, which he called an "amoral sabbath."

The Ural Parents Committee, a group of conservative activists, has similarly asked President Vladimir Putin to ban the British performer's upcoming Russian shows, which include a

concert in Kazan, Argumenty i Fakty reported.

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