

# Pussy Riot Members May Run for Moscow Assembly

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Two members of Russian punk band Pussy Riot say they may run for seats in this year's election for the Moscow City Duma.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, appearing alongside fellow band member Maria Alyokhina at an event on the sidelines of the Berlin Film Festival on Monday, said the move into politics "is worth a try."

The election will most likely be held in September, although no exact date has been set.

Tolokonnikova and Alyokhina were released in December after nearly two years in jail. They were convicted of hooliganism after staging a protest in a Russian church.

They say third Pussy Riot member Yekaterina Samutsevich, who was released in October 2012, will not be involved in the work of their human rights organization Zone of Law, which will

campaign on behalf of prisoners.

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