

# Much-Loved Russian Actor Zeldin Celebrates 101st Birthday In Style

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Vladimir Zeldin

Moscow's Central Academic Theater of the Russian Army will celebrate the 101st birthday of Russian stage heavyweight and national entertainer Vladimir Zeldin with a show in which he will give a special performance, according to a theater press release.

The show, “100+1” will take place on the star’s birthday — Feb. 10 — on the stage of the theater where he has delighted audiences for more than 70 years.

“Before the show begins, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and head of the presidential administration Sergei Ivanov will greet the artist in his dressing room,” the theater said.

Zeldin has received a congratulatory telegram from President Vladimir Putin, the state-run TASS news agency reported.

In the telegram, Putin expressed his “heartfelt congratulations” and thanked him for “time

and again delighting fans on the Russian Army stage,” TASS reported.

After the performance, Zeldin’s colleagues will present him with a gift onstage and the event will conclude with a birthday banquet.

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