

Russia Puts Top Documentary Filmmaker Mansky on Wanted List

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Vitaly Mansky **Andrey Gordeev / Vedomosti / TASS**

Russia has put Vitaly Mansky, one of the country's leading documentary filmmakers and a critic of the invasion of Ukraine, on a wanted list, Russian media [reported](#) Tuesday.

Mansky, 58, was recently implicated in a defamation case brought by prominent film director and Kremlin supporter Nikita Mikhalkov.

In a recent Youtube interview, Mansky said “at least 85%” of the budget of the Moscow International Festival, which is headed by Mikhalkov, had been stolen.

“I'm too old to regret saying anything. The fact is that I do not live in Russia and I do not agree with what is happening in Russia,” Mansky [told](#) Ostorozhno Media on Tuesday.

Russian journalist and socialite Ksenia Sobchak, to whom Mansky made the allegations about the Moscow International Festival in an interview, [said](#) Tuesday she had been summoned as a witness in the defamation case.

But Mansky [suggested](#) in an interview Wednesday that his inclusion on the international wanted list might not be connected to the defamation case in which he has not been formally charged.

Mansky, a vocal critic of the Kremlin, moved to neighboring Latvia following the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014.

The filmmaker founded ArtDocFest — Russia's largest documentary film festival in Russia — in 2007 but was [forced](#) to halt it this year following attacks by Russian nationalists.

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