

Pop Diva Alla Pugacheva Comes Out Against the War

On Instagram she says Russian boys are dying for "illusory goals."

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TV host Maxim Galkin and singer Alla Pugacheva on Sept. 8, 2021 **Sergei Karpukhin/TASS**

Alla Pugacheva, Russia's most beloved pop singer, posted on Sunday on her Instagram account an appeal to the Russian Ministry of Justice asking to be named a "foreign agent" in solidarity with her husband, comedian Maxim Galkin.

"Please include me in the ranks of foreign agents of my beloved country," her text read, "since I am in solidarity with my husband — an honest, decent and sincere man, a true and incorruptible patriot of Russia who wants his Homeland to flourish in peace, with freedom of speech, and wants an end to our boys dying for illusory goals, which has turned our country into a pariah state and made life a burden for our citizens."

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A post shared by ALLA PUGACHEVA (@alla_orfey)

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Pugacheva, Galkin and their children left for Israel. Galkin spent the summer touring in Israel and Europe with stand-up comedy shows that were highly critical of the war and Russian leaders. He performed sold-out shows in Jurmala, Latvia, where the family traditionally spend their summers.

In August, Pugacheva returned to Russia and [was quoted](#) in the Russian state press saying that she'd come back "to put things in order, in my head and in your head." State media also wrote that she planned to send her children to school on Sept. 1.

Galkin was declared a foreign agent on Sept. 16.

Pugacheva joins a now long list of Russian rock and pop musicians speaking out against the war, including DDT frontman Yuri Shevchuk; Andrei Makarevich (Mashina vremeni), Boris Grebenshchikov (Aquarium); Oxxxymiron (Miron Fedorov); Svetlana Loboda; and Noize MC (Ivan Alexeev).

The Kremlin on Monday declined to comment on Pugacheva's statement.

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