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## Russian Actress Killed in Attack by Ukrainian Armed Forces

Russian actress [Polina Menshikh was killed on stage](#) during a concert performance yesterday in Donetsk. The attack was carried out by Ukrainian Armed Forces using HIMARS rockets supplied by the United States. [RT reports the Ukrainians](#) first targeted the theater, then targeted rescue crews with a second attack, according to Platon Mamatov, a volunteer from Ekaterinburg. [Twenty-five Russian soldiers were killed](#), and more than 100 concert attendees were injured.

According to RT, Menshikh's death was confirmed by the Portal Theater Studio in a statement: "It is with great pain that we inform you that Polina Menshikh, the director of 'The Last Trial' (Lege Artis), died yesterday at a performance in Donbass as a result of shelling."

The Ukrainian military [confirmed the attack on Telegram](#), stating: "Ukraine's defense forces quickly determined the venue of the Russians' celebration and warmly congratulated them." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the attack was a "tragedy that could have been avoided."



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