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CS - PRAGUE THEATRE TO DUBLIN

PRAGUE, SEPT 4, REUTER - THE BLACK THEATRE GROUP OF PRAGUE, ONE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAS FOREMOST COMPANIES, WILL BE GOING TO DUBLIN AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO TAKE PART IN THE CITYS THEATRE FESTIVAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRAGUE COMPANY SAID A GROUP OF 20 ACTORS AND TECHNICIANS WOULD ARRIVE IN THE IRISH CAPITAL ON SEPT 30 AND WOULD GIVE SEVEN PERFORMANCES AT THE FESTIVAL.

HE SAID THAT WHEN THE RUSSIANS MARCHED IN A FORTNIGHT AGO SOME OF THE ACTORS FEARED THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO IRELAND.

"BUT IT LOOKS AS IF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE OCCUPATION," HE SAID. "WEVE GOT OUR EXIT VISAS AND NOW WERE ALL SET TO GO."

HE SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO THEIR FIRST VISIT TO DUBLIN.

"AFTER ALL, WE FIRST MADE AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL A FEW YEARS AGO AND WE LIKE PLAYING TO AUDIENCES IN THE BRITISH ISLES."

LEADER OF THE THEATRE COMPANY IS PETR POSTREHOVSKY AND ITS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR IS JIRI SRNEC.

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