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158 Bleecker St. (212-505-3474)—Nov. 6-7: The “Rebel Waltz” concerts kick off the “Performing Revolution in Central and Eastern Europe” festival (see Above and Beyond).

In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the fall of Communism, five bands—all at one time in trouble with the authorities—will gather for a unique set of shows. The musically varied groups hail from different countries, but they were all founded prior to 1989 and share a legacy of persecution and underground performance. The first night features the moody, complex sound of the Prague-based **Psí Vojáci** (“Dog Soldiers,” in Czech), who played their first gig in 1979, when the band members were thirteen and fourteen years old, only to be registered by the secret police afterward and then banned from “official” gigs. They’ll be joined by their horn-driven former countrymen **Bez Ladu a Skladu**, of the Slovak Republic, and the Romanian group **Timpuri Noi**, who opened for everyone from Iron Maiden to Rod Stewart and who play politically ironic songs with an early-eighties, New Wave sensibility. The following night’s program includes the legendary Polish punk outfit **Dezserter**, alongside the dark pop of Hungary’s **Kontroll Csoport**.