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## Playwright Fo reveals mayoral aim

**Italian Nobel-winning playwright and actor Dario Fo is hoping to stand for election as mayor of Milan.**

Mr Fo, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1997, wants to run for office in his home city next year.



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He is known for his left-wing stance in plays such as *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* and *The Two-Headed Anomaly*.

By standing, he hopes to "encourage participation and interest" in politics, he said. "If something else comes out of it, we will see."

Mr Fo was speaking after a US-style primary vote in Italy to determine the left-wing candidate to run against Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in next year's general election.

### 'Good battle'

"We must hold primary elections also to choose the centre-left candidate for mayor of Milan," he said.

He wanted to help people "get our city back" from Berlusconi and current Mayor Gabriele Albertini, he told left-wing newspaper *L'Unita*.

His most recent work, *The Two-Headed Anomaly*, was an anti-Berlusconi political satire.

People "would do anything to send Berlusconi home", he told the paper.

"In Milan, we can fight a good battle to remove the right. Winning here would have an enormous significance. After Berlusconi, a centre-left victory would be a breath of fresh air."

Mr Fo was the last playwright to win the Nobel Prize for Literature until Harold Pinter picked up this year's award earlier this month.

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