

# Exhibition of the week



Gomel's Regional Folk Crafts Centre hosts exhibition of Belarusian Slavs' folk costume from late 19th-early 20th century

## Exhibitions

### NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

Permanent exhibition *Belarusian Artists from the 19th-early 20th Century*

From 6th April. *Amazing Belarus*  
From 7th June. *Diverse Paintings*

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF BELARUS

116 Nezavisimosti Avenue

From 28th January. *Great Talent, Great Work, Great Heart*  
From 19th October. *Italian Books in Belarus from Bona Sforza's Times*

### NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF BELARUS

12 Karl Marx Street

Permanent exhibition *16th-18th Century Belarus in Portraits and Heraldry*

From 8th May. *Reflections of Military Glory*

From 6th May. *Medieval Instruments of Punishment*

### CULTURE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

1 Oktyabrskaya Square

From 19th March. *Art-Province*

### BELARUSIAN STATE MUSEUM OF GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR HISTORY

25a Nezavisimosti Avenue

From 4th May. *How Young We Were ... Family Album*

### YANKA KUPALA STATE LITERARY MUSEUM

4 Y. Kupala Street

Permanent exhibition. *Poetry from Kupala's Land*

From 27th October. *Planet Belarus*

## Performance in its original form

**Yanka Kupala National Academic Theatre shows *Pinsk Gentry* in Warsaw**



Scene from performance

Wincenty Dunin-Marcinkiewicz's *Pinsk Gentry* has recently been performed at the Warsaw Rampa Theatre. The performance was staged last month at the same theatre — jointly by the Yanka Kupala Theatre's Artistic Director, Nikolay Pinigin, and local artistes. The Polish-language version boasted a full house, while the Polish media paid much attention to the *Pinsk Gentry*, reminding us of the joint history of the Belarusian and Polish nations. It was highlighted that the performance was the first joint artistic project

by both Warsaw and Minsk theatres.

Polish theatre lovers have also recently been able to enjoy the performance in the original — staged in Belarusian. The staging of the Belarusian play in Warsaw and the Yanka Kupala National Academic Theatre's tours have encouraged the strengthening and enhancement of Belarusian-Polish ties. There is already in place a preliminary agreement on the invitation of Rampa's performances to participate in the International Theatre Festival — *Panorama* — in Minsk, in 2011.

It should be noted that this is not the first Belarusian-Polish theatrical project. Famous Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi's work with Belarusian actors is a shining example of artistic collaboration between the two states. Belarusian artistes performed in the international theatrical project — *Death and the Maiden* (upon Ariel Dorfman's play) — staged at the Maxim Gorky National Academic Drama Theatre.

## Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

November of decades and centuries past comes to life



**In November 1933**, the construction of the House of Government completed in Minsk.

**In November 1842**, the Botanical Garden was laid down in Gorki — one of the oldest in the country.

**In November 1871**, the Smolensk-Minsk-Brest railroad began to be operational.

**In November 1884**, Minsk's first wooden circus-chapiteau — Circus of the Nikitin Brothers — opened in Minsk's Sobornaya Square.

**In November 1930**, Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star) cinema opened in Minsk — Belarus' first sound cinema house.

**In November 1932**, the Minsk-Orsha highway was solemnly opened.

**In November 1932**, the Belarusian State Conserva-

toire threw open its doors.

**In November 1933**, Minsk-1 Airport opened, acquiring international status in 1955 and servicing over 1m passengers per year in the 1970s.

**In November 1939**, a law was adopted to join Western Belarus to the USSR and unite it with the Belarusian SSR.

**In November 1940**, Radio Plant established in Minsk.

**In November 1950**, the first track-type tractor was manufactured at Minsk's Tractor Works.

**In November 1950**, Pobeda (Victory) cinema welcomed its first visitors.

**In November 1957**, Minsk's Picture Gallery was renamed as the State Art Museum of Belarus.

**In November 1958**, the first dump truck was assem-

bled at the Belarusian Automobile Works.

**In November 1958**, M.K. Ogiński Musical College was opened in Molodechno.

**In November 1961**, the Minsk Automated Lines Plant was put into operation.

**In November 1962**, Minsk's Gorpromtorg (city's industrial good trade department) opened Belarus' first specialised store — Yuny Tekhnik (Young Technician).

**In November 1963**, the Central Historical Archives of the BSSR moved from Mogilev to Minsk.

**In November 1964**, the State Museum of the BSSR (now, the National History

Museum) was set up.

**In November 1967**, the first issue of *Vecherny Minsk* (Evening Minsk) newspaper was released.

**In November 1968**, Mogilev's Synthetic Fibre Plant launched trial installation to receive new produce — lavsan.

**In November 1975**, the *Belarusian Musical Autumn Festival* first opened in Minsk, being organised each year since then.

**In November 1984**, the zoological garden was set up in Minsk, which later became Minsk's Zoo.

**In November 1945**, Motovelo Plant set up in Minsk.

