Exhibition of the week

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Personal exhibition of People's Master of Belarus, Nikolay Tarasyuk, opened in Minsk to the author's 80th anniversary

Exhibitions

YANKA KUPALA STATE LITERARY MUSEUM
4 Y. Kupala Street
Permanent exhibition Poetry from Kupala's Land

MODERN FINE ARTS MUSEUM
47 Nezavisimosti Avenue
From 29th June. Town Sketches

BELARUSIAN STATE MUSEUM OF GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR HISTORY
25a Nezavisimosti Avenue
Permanent exhibition Golden Classics of Belarusian Cinema
Until 31st December. Year of 1812. War and Peace

LA MORA HOUSE OF CULTURE
7a Vtoraya Shchors Street
Until 20th August. Art Gives Life exhibition

YAKUB KOLAS SQUARE
Until 7th September. Exhibition of Marc Chagall's reproductions: A Painter and a City

PALACE OF ARTS
3 Kozlov Street
From 25th July. At Belarusian-Chinese Border

AIR ENGINEERING MUSEUM
Borovaya village, Minsk District
Permanent exhibition Aviation from the Past and the Present

LIBRARY NAMED AFTER PUSHKIN
4 Gikalo Street
Until 31st August. Exhibition of cold weaponry

VILNIUS GALLERY
55 Kalinovsky Street
Until 2nd September. I'm Searching for Inspiration in You

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

August of decades and centuries past comes to life

17th August. In 1907, Hero of the Soviet Union **Samuil Bogorad** was born in Vitebsk. From 1944-1945, he distinguished himself fighting for the Baltic States, serving with a Shch-310 submarine; under his command, it sank seven enemy vessels.

17th August. In 1907, **Zdislav Stomma** was born — a Belarusian actor, People's Artiste of Belarus and People's Artiste of the USSR.

17th August. In 1911, **Mikhail Botvinnik** was born — the sixth world chess champion.

18th August. In 1906, Hero of the Soviet Union **Sergey Zhunin** was born — one of the organisers and heads of the partisan movement within today's Mogilev, Pinsk and Brest regions, during the Great Patriotic War.

18th August. In 1926, **Victor Shevkalyuk** was born — an operetta artiste and Honoured Artiste. Since 1962, he has worked with the Mogilev Regional Musical Comedy Theatre and, between 1970 and 1990, was a member of the State Theatre of Musical Comedy of Belarus.

18th August. In 1931, Professor and Doctor of Medical Sciences **Nikolay Skepian** was born — a specialist in allergies and professional pathology. He helped launch health-related speleo-treatments, based at Belaruskali JSC's mine in Soligorsk. He is also a laureate of the State Award.

20th August. In 1897, Marshall of Aviation and Hero of the Soviet Union **Stepan Krasovsky** was born in the Mogilev Region.

20th August. In 1898, military intelligence officer and Hero of the Soviet Union **Lev Manevich** was born in the Mogilev Region.

20th August. In 1907, **Andrey Kizhevatov** was born. He helped defend Brest Fortress and a street in Minsk bears his name.

21st August. In 1874, **Vladimir Beneshevich** — a church law historian and palaeographer — was born in the Vitebsk Region. He was a correspondent member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, as well as of those in Berlin, Munich and Strasbourg.

21st August. In 1901, Russian physicist and radio-astronomer **Semen Khaikin** was born in Minsk — a founder of experimental radio-astronomy in the USSR.

22nd August. In 1873, **Alexander Bogdanov (Malinovsky)** was born in the Grodno Region — a revolutionary figure, philosopher, economist, writer, publicist and doctor.

23rd August. In 1917, People's Poet of Belarus **Pimen Panchenko** was born.

23rd August. In 1924, computer scientist **Georgy Lopato** was born — a correspondent member of the National Academy of Sciences of the USSR and, later, of Russia and of Belarus.

17th August. In 1805, a decree was released to open a temporary military hospital in Minsk, with 150 beds available (now, the Main Military Clinical Hospital of the Belarusian Defence Ministry).

17th August. In 1812, a battle took place between Russian and Napoleonic troops near Polotsk.

17th August. In 1876, a society of agriculture was founded in Minsk.

20th August. In 1855, the first issue of *Polyarnaya Zvezda* (*Polar Star*) magazine, by A.I. Gertsen, was released. Its front page depicted the profiles of five executed Decembrists.

20th August. In 1918, a treaty was concluded to establish the Vsemirnaya Literatura Publishing House, signed by A.M. Gorky, A.N. Tikhonov, Z.I. Grzhebin and I.P. Ladyzhnikov.

20th August. In 1960, for the first time, living creatures launched into space returned to Earth: dogs Belka and Strelka.

21st August. In 1911, the Minsk marshlands research station was established, following a decision by Minsk's Provincial Council Swamp Commission; it was the first such scientific institution set up to preserve marshlands in Belarus and Russia.

21st August. In 1937, a Nonaggression Pact was signed between the USSR and China.

21st August. In 1957, the first military domestic intercontinental multi-stage ballistic rocket (designed by Sergey Korolev) was successfully launched in the Soviet Union from Baikonur: the R-7.

22nd August. In 1891, the Red Cross Association of Nurses — one of the first of its kind in Belarus — was founded in Vitebsk.

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22nd August. In 1910, the first airplane took off from Minsk.

22nd August. In 1921, the Sovnarkom of the BSSR (the Council of People's Commissars) adopted a regulation to set up the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs of the BSSR.

23rd August. In 1939, the USSR and Germany signed a non-aggression pact and a secret protocol to divide Eastern Europe between them.

23rd August. In 2012, Belarus celebrates the Day of State Statistics Employees.

23rd August. In 2007, we mark the International Day of Remembrance of Slavery Abolition and its Victims, initiated by UNESCO, with the aim of honouring this tragic page in the history of humanity.

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