# Festival of the week



Students from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova compete in dance mastery in Vitebsk, during 3rd international festival

## NATIONAL ART MUSEUM

**OF BELARUS** 20 Lenin Street Until 21st April. Imperial Crown of Russia (replica) Until 25th May. Needle Painting

Until 10th July. Ten Centuries of Art in Belarus

#### **NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF BELARUS**

12 Karl Marx Street

Until 20th April. From the collection of the History of Photography Museum (Krakow, Poland) Until 20th April. Orenburg

Downy Shawl Until 25th May. Iosif Gashkevich a Diplomat and Oriental Scientist

Until 6th July. Holography-2014. Minsk Until 1st September. Bank BelVEB: New Life of National Treasures

#### MIKHAIL SAVITSKY ART GALLERY

15 Svobody Square Until 4th May. Nikas Safronov's personal exhibition

#### MIR CASTLE

Until 30th May. Spirit of Time and Luxury: 1820-1920s Fashion and Style

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY **OF BELARUS**

116 Nezavisimosti Avenue Until 21st April. Exhibition of painter Mikhail Barzdyk Until 25th April. Exhibition of dinosaurs Until 14th May. The Ostrog Bible Until 1st June. Dedication to 200th anniversary since

#### Theatres NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI **OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE**

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

18.04. Evening of One-Act Operas in the Chamber Hall; Romeo and Juliet 19.04. Romeo and Juliet 22.04. Tosca 23.04. Don Quixote

#### **BELARUSIAN STATE** ACADEMIC MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

18.04. The Gipsy Baron 19.04. Aladdin and His Magic Lamp; Sofia Golshanskaya 22.04. My Wife — A Liar 23.04. Women's Revolt 24.04. One Thousand and One Nights

#### **MAXIM GORKY NATIONAL** ACADEMIC DRAMA THEATRE

5 Volodarsky Street

18.04. Wild Strawberries 19.04. Tricks of Khanuma 20.04. Orlov Youth Theatre:

The Drayman and the King

23.04. Private Lives 24.04. Taming of the Shrew

### THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

18, 21.04. A Very Simple Story 22.04. The Splinter 23 and 24.04. The Makropoulos Case

### **MODERN ARTS THEATRE**

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

24.04. I Will Marry Both

#### REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

18.04. New! Happy, Valentine! 19.04. Escape from Elsinore or Hamlet Invertedly 21.04. Émigrés

22.04. The Contract 24.04. Silent Love

#### MINSK CONCERT HALL

5 Oktuabrskaya Street

21.04. Ladies' Night 23.04. Accidental Death of an Anarchist

### RADZIWILL CASTLE

20-22.04. Nights of the Bolshoi Theatre at Radziwill Castle

## Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

## April of decades and centuries past comes to life

April 18th. In 1814, Yevstafy Tyshkevich was born — a Belarusian archaeologist, historian, ethnographer and local history researcher.

April 18th. In 1940, composer Eduard Khanok was born — an Honoured Figure of Arts of Belarus and a People's Artiste of Belarus.

April 18th. In 1950, Belarusian cyclist Vladimir Kaminsky was born; he became the first Belarusian Olympic champion in

April 19th. In 1881, Belarusian historian **Vsevolod Ignatovsky** was born — an academician of the Belarusian Academy of Sciences and the President of the Belarusian Academy of Sciences.

April 19th. In 1881, Valentin Volkov was born — a People's Artist of Belarus and among those responsible for the BSSR emblem (1926 and 1938).

April 23rd. In 1886, Belarusian writer Zmitrok Byadulya (Samuil Plavnik) was

April 24th. In 1775, Yakov Falkovsky was born — an enlightener and a founder of sign language courses for deaf-mute children in Belarus and Poland.

April 24th. In 1903, Belarusian architect Lev Matskevich was born in Orsha. He helped create development plans for Orsha and Polotsk, alongside Minsk's Nezavisimosti Square and Avenue. He also prepared a detailed plan for the capital until 2000.

April 24th. In 1908, Soviet Union Hero Georgy Zakharov was born — a General Major with the Air Force.

April 18th. In 1900, plans for a new stone mosque were approved. It was built in 1901 but Yubileinaya Hotel now stands on the site.

April 18th. In 1964, a Tu-124 made its first landing at Minsk Airport.

April 18th. In 1983, World Heritage Day was established (the International Day for Monuments and Sites).



April 21st. In 1969, a branch of Brest's Regional Local History Museum opened: Kamenets Tower.

April 18th. In 2008, Belarus' National History and Culture Museum received ancient guns discovered during reconstruction of building number 3, on Internatsionalnaya Street.

April 19th. In 1927, Belarus' State Symphony Orchestra was established in Minsk (known as 'academic' since 1980).

April 19th. In 1949, work began on a park dedicated to the BSSR's 30th anniversary; since 1962, it has been known as Yanka Kupala Park.

April 20th. In 1957, the first issue of Vyaselka magazine, for children, was pub-

April 20th. In 1967, a solemn ceremony took place to mark the launch of a tram depot on Minsk's Botanicheskaya Street. April 20th. In 1960, Vitebsk's regional

TV studio began its work. April 20th. In 1978, the Palace of Cul-

ture and Sports for Railway Workers opened in Minsk, designed by architect Anikina.

April 21st. In 1949, new streets were established in Minsk, near the Tractor Works: Budenny, Promyshlennaya, Klubnaya (now known as Klumov), Shcherbakov, Koshevoy, Zavodskoe Koltso (now known as Gritsevets) and Stakhanovs-Kaya.

**April 22nd.** In 1918, the Higher Musical School opened in Belarus.

April 22nd. In 1994, young Belarusians from abroad met officially for the first time at a forum — gathering around 200 delegates from 20 youth associations from across the CIS, the Baltic States and Poland.

April 22nd. In 2004, a memorial plaque dedicated to artist Ferdynand Ruszczyc was unveiled in Minsk's Partizansky District.

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