

Feast of the week



Gomel's Park and Palace Ensemble hosts feast day for birds and squirrels

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*
Until 10th December. *Boris Zaborov: Painting. Drawing. Sculpture*

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*
Until 9th January. *Unfinished Play for Mechanical Awl*

CULTURE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

1 Oktyabrskaya Square

JAZZ — exhibition of Maria Borisenko's tapestry

YANKA KUPALA STATE LITERARY MUSEUM

4 Y. Kupala Street

Permanent exhibition. *Poetry from Kupala's Land*
From 27th October. *Planet Belarus*

Theatres

REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

10.12. Diamond Sky 11.12. An Uninvited Guest
12.12. The Seagull 13.12. Men on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown
14.12. Ears under Your Sickle 15.12. Roman + Yulia
16.12. Psyche's Sisters

MODERN ARTS THEATRE

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

10.12. Minsk, I Love You 11.12. Folks
12.12. Prostokvashino Holidays

BELARUSIAN STATE PUPPET THEATRE

20 Engels Street

10.12. Drei Schwestern 11.12. Puss-in-Boots
12.12. Vasilisa the Beautiful
15.12. The Ballad About White Cherry

YANKA KUPALA

NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

7 Engels Street

13.12. Translations 16.12. Winter

BELARUSIAN STATE MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

10.12. Yunona and Avos
11.12. The Town Musicians of Bremen
12.12. Little Red Riding Hood. Generation NEXT
14.12. A Night in Venice 15.12. My Wife — a Liar
16.12. Mefisto

NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

10.12. Minsk International Christmas Opera Forum *La Traviata*
11.12. Il Barbiere di Siviglia
12.12. Minsk International Christmas Opera Forum: World Opera Stars in Gala-Concert
14 and 15.12. Romeo and Juliet
16.12. Cavalleria Rusticana

THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

10.12. The Mechanical Man 12.12. The Battlefield
13.12. The Master and Margarita
16.12. Robbery at Midnight

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

December of decades and centuries past comes to life

10th December. In 1574, **Nikolay Lenchitsky** was born — a 17th century figure of Belarusian culture and a Vilno University professor.

11th December. In 1725, Belarusian publicist, astronomer and mathematician **Stefan Luskinia** was born, in the Vitebsk district.

10th December. In 1870, painter, graphic artist, theatre stage designer and teacher **Ferdynand Ruszczyc** was born, known for creating the first Belarusian poster.

11th December. In 1876, Polish composer and conductor **Mieczyslaw Karłowicz** was born, in the Grodno region.

12th December. In 1918, Belarusian poet, publicist and translator **Kastus Kireenko** was born, in the village of Gaishin in the Bykhov district of the Mogilev province.

13th December. In 1919, Belarusian artist **Valeriana Zholtok** was born.

14th December. In 1905, **Nikolay Dorozhkin** was born — a Belarusian mycologist and phytopathology researcher, an academician of the National Academy of Sciences of the BSSR and an Honoured Scientist.

16th December. In 1903, People's Artist of Belarus, painter **Ivan Akhremchik** was born, in Minsk.

10th December. In 1933, the Governmental Library became a scientific reference and information centre, deal-

ing with state management, economics and law.

11th December. In 1879, the Minsk Society of Doctors opened the first free hospital for the poor.

11th December. In 1920, the Extraordinary Commission to Eradicate Illiteracy began its work.



12th December. In 1979, the Museum of Belarusian Folk Art opened at Raubichi Sports Complex, 20km from Minsk, along the Vitebsk motorway.

12th December. In 1796, following a Senate decree, Minsk province was divided into ten districts: Bobruisk, Borisov, Vileika, Disna, Igumen, Mozyr, Minsk, Pinsk, Rechitsa and Slutsk. Later, Vileika and Disna districts were assigned to Vilnya province and the province of Minsk received the district of Novogrudok.

13th December. In 1891, the Minsk City Duma adopted a regulation 'On Keeping Dogs'; every dog owner was obliged to pay one rouble a year to the

municipal treasury.

14th December. In 1890, N. Muranskaya opened her private studio for training chamber and opera singers.

14th December. In 1917, the first issue of socio-political *Sovetskaya Pravda* was published in Minsk: the central newspaper of the Regional Executive Committee of the Council of Workers, Soldiers and Peasants of Western Belarus and the Front.

14th December. In 1927, construction began on the Central House of Peasants — on the corner of Karl Marx and Krasnoarmeiskaya streets.

15th December. In 1890, a separate guild uniting chimney sweeps was launched in Minsk.

16th December. In 1891, the first chief sanitary inspector appeared in Minsk.

In mid-December of 1620 (the exact date is unknown) Orsha received a coat of arms: a golden half moon against a blue background, with a silver cross located between horns.



16th December. In 1388, the town of Molodechno was mentioned for the first time in written sources. It once belonged to the Zaslavsky, Mstislavsky, Sangushko and Oginski families.