

# Trade fair of the week



Minsk's Palace for Children and Youth hosts Christmas Charity Trade Fair

## Exhibitions

### NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

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

Until 8th January.

*Walking through Paris*

Until 31st January. *Russian Genre Painting of 19th-early 20th Century*

### 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*

Until 15th January. *Art-Krok*

### 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*

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## Theatres

### REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

17.12. *Eternal Song* 18.12. *Two Dogs' Tale* 20.12. *Sublimation of Love* 21 and 22.12. *Ears under Your Sickle* 23.12. *Two Dogs' Tale*

### YANKA KUPALA

### NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

7 Engels Street

20.12. *Pinsk Gentry* 22.12. *HandelBach* 23.12. *Winter*

### BELARUSIAN STATE MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

17.12. *Arshin Mal Alan (The Cloth Peddler)*

21.12. *Dorothee* 22.12. *Merry Widow*

### NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI

### OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

17.12. *The Swan Lake* 18.12. *Il Trovatore* 19.12.

*The Three Little Pigs* 21.12. *Iolanthe* 23.12.

*Madama Butterfly*

### THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

17.12. *Robbery at Midnight* 18 and 19.12.

*Forgetting Herostratos* 20.12. *The Master and Margarita* 21 and 22.12. *A Very Simple Story*

### MAXIM GORKY NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

5 Volodarsky Street

17.12. *Ninotchka* 18.12. *Russian Vaudevilles*

19.12. *Vassa* 21.12. *Esfir* 22.12. *Death and the Maiden* 23.12. *The Libertine*

## Concerts

### MINSK CONCERT HALL

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

20.12. *Vakhtang Kikabidze with his programme I Don't Hasten Life*

### BELARUSIAN STATE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY, MAIN HALL

50 Nezavisimosti Avenue

18.12. *State Academic Symphony Orchestra of Belarus*

# Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

## December of decades and centuries past comes to life



**17th December.** In 1930, the Belarusian State Ensemble of Folk Instruments was founded (now Iosif Zhinovich National Academic Folk Orchestra).

**17th December.** In 1883, Belarusian literary expert **Yevgeny Borichevsky** was born.

**17th December.** In 1886, Belarusian composer **Nikolay Rovensky** was born.

**17th December.** In 1905, producer and screenwriter **Iosif Kheifits** was born. He shot such films as *Big Family*, *My Dear Man* and *Lady with a Dog*.

**18th December.** In 1911, Belarusian critic and theatre expert — **Ales Yesakov** — was born.

**18th December.** In 1928, Prof. **Eduard Zagorulsky** was born — a Belarusian historian, archaeologist and doctor of historical sciences.

**20th December.** In 1914, operatic soloist **Olga Furs** was born.

**21st December.** In 1890, composer, teacher and People's Artiste of Belarus, **Nikolay Aladov**, was born.

**22nd December.** In 1923, **Oleg Morolev**, a Belarusian and Russian opera di-

rector and Honoured Artiste of Belarus, was born.

**23rd December.** In 1922, Honoured Architect of the BSSR **Olga Ladygina** was born.

**17th December.** In 1924, the special State Department for Cinematography and Photography (Belgoskino) was established.

**17th December.** In 1926, the results of the All-Union Population Census were announced; Minsk was inhabited by 130,838 people.

**17th December.** In 1940, the State Academic Choir of Belarus was founded in Minsk (now bearing the name of its first leader — Grigory Shirma).

**18th December.** In 1882, first telephone lines were installed in Belarus, connecting the manor of Duke Paskevich-Erivansky in Gomel with his castle, factories and estates.

**19th December.** In 1917, the Belarusian Press House was established.

**20th December.** In 1928, Vladislav Golubok became the first to receive the title of People's Artiste of the BSSR.

**21st December.** In 1886, electricity was first tested in Minsk.

**21st December.** In 1899, an exhibition of the Itinerant Artists opened in Minsk.

**21st December.** In 1957, literary awards named after Yanka Kupala and Yakub Kolas were established. These are granted for the best poetry, drama, novels and critical reviews.

**21st December.** In 1999, a bronze sculpture of Yevfrosiniya Polotskaya appeared in the courtyard of the Belarusian State University.

**22nd December.** In 1918, the Belarusian Soviet Theatre was set up, housed by the city theatre building until March 1919.

**22nd December.** In 1934, the Belarusian Union of Architects was established during Minsk's 1st All-Belarusian Meeting of Architects.

**22nd December.** In 1945, the Belarusian Theatre Institute was founded (now known as the Belarusian State Academy of Arts).

**22nd December.** In 2001, the *Belarusian 20th Century Science* book was released by the Belorusskaya Nauka Publishing House.



**18th December.** In 1979, the one billionth book was released by Minsk's Polygraphic Factory (named after Yakub Kolas).

**23rd December.** In 1926, the first Belarusian feature film *The True Story of the Forest* was screened.