

Exhibition of the week



Autoprojekt Zoja stands out for its title and works on show — created by Minsk painter Zoya Lutsevich

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.* From 10th October. *Eternal Jazz*

YANKA KUPALA STATE LITERARY MUSEUM

4 Y. Kupala Street

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

MODERN FINE ARTS MUSEUM

47 Nezavisimosti Avenue

From 29th June. *Town Sketches*

BELARUSIAN STATE MUSEUM OF GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR HISTORY

25a Nezavisimosti Avenue

Until 12th May. *Stained-Glass Windows Dedicated to Partisan Wisdom and Wit*

MUSEUM OF BELARUSIAN CINEMA HISTORY

4 Sverdlov Street

Until 5th May. *Life in Fairy-Tales.* Permanent exhibition *Golden Classics of Belarusian Cinema*

Theatres

REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

08.04. The Never-Ending Song 10.04. The Black Square 12.04. Mr. Joke 13.04. Ears under Your Sickle 14.04. Adam's Jokes

YANKA KUPALA NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

7 Engels Street

08.04. The Night 09.04. Remembrance Prayer 10.04. Pinsk Gentry 11.04. Baroque-Style Love 13.04. HandelBach 14.04. I Will Not Leave You

MODERN ARTS THEATRE

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

09.04. Minsk, I Love You 10.04. Prostokvashino Holidays

NEW DRAMA THEATRE

16 Liza Chaikina Street

08.04. Three Seasons and One Destiny 09.04. An Intimidated Apostle 10.04. Don't Worry, Be Happy 12.04. The Life Chance 13.04. Three Seasons and One Destiny

THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

08.04. The Island of Our Love 09 and 10.04. Robbery at Midnight 12.04. The Splinter 13.04. Merchant Epishkin's Theatre

NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

08.04. The Sleeping Beauty 09.04. The Magic Flute 10.04. Chippolino 12.04. The Fountain of Bakhchisaray 13.04. Khovanshchina

BELARUSIAN STATE YOUTH THEATRE

33 Masharov Street

08.04. Bed for Three 12.04. If I Were Rich

MAXIM GORKY NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

5 Volodarsky Street

09.04. The Frog Princess 10.04. A Profitable Post 12.04. The Taming of the Shrew 13.04. Esfir 14.04. Pane Kokhanku

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

April of decades and centuries past comes to life



13th April. In 1963, the Belarusian State Philharmonic Society's concert hall opened in Minsk.

9th April. In 1853, Belarusian folklorist, ethnographer and writer **Sofia Kovalevskaya** was born.

9th April. In 1899, People's Artiste of Belarus **Lev Litvinov** was born. He staged *Paulinka* at the Yanka Kupala National Academic Theatre.

9th April. In 1931, chemist **Vadim Sviridov** was born. The academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus was also an Honoured Figure of Science of Belarus.

11th April. In 1919, **Dmitry Smolich** was born — an opera producer and People's Artiste of Belarus, Ukraine and the USSR.

12th April. In 1541, **Ipaty Potey** (originally Adam Lvovich) was born — a polemic writer, statesman and political and church figure of the Grand

Duchy of Lithuania.

12th April. In 1855, **Arseny Markevich** was born — an historian and public figure.

12th April. In 1945, **Fiodor Lakhvich** was born — a scientist, academician and doctor of chemistry, who created a device to stimulate plant growth and development.

13th April. In 1883, poet **Yefim Pridvorov** was born — published under his pen-name of Demian Bedny.

13th April. In 1912, film expert, critic and script writer **Rostislav Yurenev** was born.

14th April. In 1754, statesman, diplomat and patron of arts **Nikolay Rumyantsev** was born. He collected books, manuscripts and artworks at his palace in Gomel.

14th April. In 1884, **Moisey Shapiro** was born — a surgeon, traumatologist and orthopaedist.

14th April. In 1885, **Semen Rak-Mikhailovsky** was born — a Belarusian political and public figure, teacher and publicist. He is supposed to have composed the score for Maxim Bogdanovich's famous *Star of Venice* romance.

14th April. In 1937, Belarusian architect **Sergey Filimonov** was born.

9th April. In 1927, the Union of Writers, Artists and Sculptors was founded (in force until April 1932).

10th April. In 1938, the first issue of *Znamya Yunosti* (Youth Banner)

newspaper was published.

10th April. In 1996, the first diamond was mined in Belarus.

11th April. In 1976, the 1st All-Union Creative Youth Festival of Opera and Ballet Theatres opened.

12th April. In 1906, the first issue of *Golos Provintsii* (Voice of the Province) newspaper was published — in Russian.

12th April. In 1948, the 1st Congress of the Belarusian Theatre Association took place in Minsk.



12th April. In 1948, Belarus joined the World Meteorological Organisation.

12th April. In 1968, Minsk's Radio-technical Institute hosted the first beat-festival in the city — one of the first such events in the world and in the USSR.

14th April. In 1886, the first issue of the social, political and literary newspaper *Minsky Listok* was published.