

Palm Sunday



Metropolitan of the Minsk and Mogilev Archdiocese, Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, consecrates willow twigs

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

21.04. Opening of Experimental Theatre International Festival 22.04. What Hurts? 23.04. Little Muck 24.04. The Office 25.04. The Lonesome West 26.04. Chernobyl Prayer 27.04. Sonechka 28.04. Bergman's Women

BELARUSIAN STATE MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

23.04. Musical-Gala 26.04. Blue Cameo 27.04. The Merry Widow 28.04. Scheherazade

YANKA KUPALA NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

7 Engels Street

22 and 23.04. Ursula Radziwill Theatre 25.04. I Will Not Leave You 27.04. Symon, the Musician 28.04. The Black Lady of Nesvizh

NEW DRAMA THEATRE

16 Liza Chaikina Street

22.04. Chance of a Lifetime 26.04. Lafontaine or The White Shirt with a Black Collar 27.04. Love, Money and The Bridegroom 28.04. Rebooting

THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

22.04. Forgetting Herostratos 25.04. The Master and Margarita 26 and 27.04. A Very Simple Story 28.04. Cheri

NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

22.04. La Bayadere 26.04. Tosca 27.04. Giselle 28.04. Romance Night 29.04. Tristan & Isolde

BELARUSIAN STATE YOUTH THEATRE

33 Masharov Street

26.04. Let's Play Happy Families 27.04. If I Were Rich 28.04. Merry Bazaar

MAXIM GORKY NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

5 Volodarsky Street

25.04. The Imaginary Invalid 26.04. Death and the Maiden 28.04. The Libertine

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

April of decades and centuries past comes to life



23rd April. In 1586, the town of Nesvizh was granted the Magdeburg Right, by order of Mikolaj Radziwill Sierotka.

23rd April. In 1886, Belarusian writer Zmitrok Byadulya (Samuil Plavnik) was born. He wrote for children and as a literary critic, investigating ethnography and folklore.

23rd April. In 1934, doctor of philosophical sciences Vladimir Konon was born — a Belarusian philosopher, historian, culturologist and literary critic.

23rd April. In 1940, Belarusian writer

Victor Kozko was born — a laureate of the State Award of Belarus.

24th April. In 1903, Belarusian architect Lev Matskevich was born. His works include general plans of Orsha, Polotsk, Nezavisimosti Square and Yakub Kolas Square in Minsk. Additionally, he helped plan the overall layout of Minsk until 2000.

25th April. In 1889, Belarusian geologist Georgy Mirchink was born. His studies unveiled deposits from three glacial ages on the Belarusian territory.

25th April. In 1902, actor and Honoured Artiste of Belarus (1968) Vasily Voinkov was born. From 1932, he worked with the Russian Drama Theatre in Belarus.

27th April. In 1930, painter Mai Dantsig was born — an Honoured Figure of Arts of Belarus and a People's Artist of Belarus.

28th April. In 1915, Belarusian stage director Solomon Kazimirovsky was born — an Honoured Figure of Arts of Belarus. From 1967-1975, he worked as a chief stage director at the Yakub Kolas Belarusian Theatre.

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

24th April. In 1944, the 3rd Belarusian Front was founded as a result of the Western Front's division into 2nd and 3rd Belarusian fronts. It existed until August 15th, 1945.

24th April. In 1959, the Local History

Museum opened in Lida (now Lida's History and Art Museum).



25th April. In 1937, the Belarusian State Philharmonic Society opened in Minsk.

26th April. In 1842, Brest Fortress opened; its first stone had been laid on 1st June, 1836.

26th April. In 1986, catastrophe occurred at the Chernobyl nuclear power station — one of the world's largest accidents at a nuclear power plant.

26th April. In 2004, Minsk hosted the Environmental International Film Festival for the first time.

25th April. In 2005, a museum of church rarities — Belarus' first over the last hundred years — opened at Vitebsk's Eparchy.

28th April. In 1919, *Belaruskaya Dumka* (Belarusian Thought) newspaper began publication in Vilno, running until July 27th, 1919.

28th April. In 1954, Belarus joined the International Labour Organisation.