

Festival of the week



Fashion Scooter Fest shows that scooters are the most flexible and convenient form of urban transport

Exhibitions

NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

Permanent exhibition
Belarusian Artists from the 19th-early 20th Century
From 6th April. *Amazing Belarus*

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*

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*

YANKA KUPALA STATE LITERARY MUSEUM

4 Y. Kupala Street

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

CULTURE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

1 Oktyabrskaya Square

From 4th May. *Something*

AIR ENGINEERING MUSEUM

Borovaya village, Minsk District

Permanent exhibition *Aviation from the Past and the Present*

Visit to a remote 'planet' launched



By Tatiana Shurova

Planet Japan exhibition hosted by Gomel's Palace and Park Estate

The exhibition features decorative-and-applied art: Japanese dolls, fans, ninja amulet toys, copies of engravings from the Tokyo Museum, Japanese national costumes (kimono, geta and dzori), souvenirs and an early 20th century family album from Nagasaki which reveals the history of old Japan. The exhibition also includes life-size puppets of Japanese mythological characters: forest devil Tengu, river imp Kappa, Dragon, demon cat Nekomata and Kabuki White Lion.

Visitors can watch films which explore Japanese national traditions and holidays, samurai warriors and techniques of sword making, as well as the Bushido code of honour.

Those lucky enough to travel to Japan call this wonderful country 'another planet'. At all times, its culture is notable for its particular sense of beauty and ability to adorn everyday routine.

The Planet Japan exhibition is a special educational project sponsored by the Japanese Cultural Centre in the CIS. The Gomel show is part of the *Gomel — Belarus and CIS Cultural Capital 2011* project.

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

August of decades and centuries past comes to life

13th August. In 1951, **Maria Mitskevich** was born — a granddaughter of Belarusian literary genius Yakub Kolas (Konstantin Mitskevich).

14th August. In 1865, **Dmitry Me-rezhkovsky** was born — a literary critic, poet, novelist, playwright, translator, cultural theorist and religious thinker.

14th August. In 1952, People's Artist of the BSSR **Fiodor Gulevich** was born.

14th August. In 1882, Belarusian poet **Alexander Mikulchik** was born.

15th August. In 1927, Belarusian linguist **Alexander Krivitsky** was born.



15th August. In 1982, construction of Vostochny city bus station finished.

15th August. In 1887, **Abraham Kirzhnits** was born — a bibliographer, historian and journalist.

15th August. In 1865, **Vatslav Bub-**

novsky was born — a Belarusian sculptor and ceramist.

15th August. In 1903, Belarusian geneticist **Piotr Rakitsky** was born.

16th August. In 1933, People's Artist of Belarus and Belarusian film director **Vitaly Chetverikov** was born.

17th August. In 1907, **Zdislav Stomma** was born — a Belarusian actor and People's Artist of Belarus.

18th August. In 1938, **Yuri Lyubimov** was born — a Belarusian decorative and applied arts specialist.

12th August. In 1899, the eight grade women's gymnasium was set up in Preobrazhenskaya Street; it was attended by a famous Belarusian actress, **Stefania Stanyuta**.

12th August. In 1907, the first issue of socio-political and literature weekly *Okraina* appeared. It was published until June 1908.

13th August. In 1951, Minsk Bearing Plant produced its first manufacture.

14th August. In 1409, the wooden Roman Catholic Church of Holy Trinity and St. Anna was destroyed by fire in Minsk.

15th August. In 1923, the Belarusian pavilion opened in Moscow at the All-Russian Agricultural and Trade-Industrial Exhibition.

15th August. In 1963, the new House of Radio came into operation in Minsk.

15th August. In 1913, **Yanka Kupa-**

la's Paulinka was staged in Radoshko-



vichi by Minsk's drama circle. The performance was attended by the author.

16th August. In 1956, the Yakub Kolas Literary Museum was founded.

15th August. In 1951, Minsk Tractor Works manufactured its first KT-12 trail tractor.

15th August. In 1920, daily *Savetskaya Belarus* Belarusian-language newspaper was launched.

16th August. In 1956, the Yakub Kolas State Literary and Memorial Museum opened in Minsk.

16th August. In 1806, a decree on Minsk's Musketeer Regiment formation was issued.

17th August. In 1805, a temporary military hospital opened in Minsk (now called the Main Military Clinical Hospital at the Belarusian Defence Ministry).