

Holiday of the week



Regional centre hosts traditional *Vitebsk Kalyadki* holiday

Exhibitions

NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

Until 16th January. *Image of the Holy Mother of God in Belarusian 17th-18th Century Icons*

Until 17th January. *White Spot in the Heart of Europe*

Until 15th January. Exhibition of Karachun's graphical art

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*
Until 20th January. 3rd International *Terra Nova Digital Art Festival*

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 8th February. *Live Strings Began to Cry*

LASANDR-ART GALLERY

24 Romanovskaya Sloboda Str.

Until 15th January. Christmas Trade Fair

MUSEUM OF BELARUSIAN CINEMA HISTORY

4 Sverdlov Street

Until 4th February. *Spirit of History*

Theatres

REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

6.01. *Sea Wolf* 10.01. *An Uninvited Guest*
11.01. *Sonechka* 12.01. *Travellers in New York*

NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

6.01. *The Nutcracker* 8.01. *Eugene Onegin*
10.01. *Giselle*

BELARUSIAN STATE PUPPET THEATRE

20 Engels Street

6 and 7.01. *Morozko* 8.01. *Wash'em'clean (Moydodyr)*

THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

6.01. *A Mechanical Man* 8 and 10.01. *Pygmalion*
11.01. *Robbery at Midnight* 12.01. *Battlefield*

MODERN ARTS THEATRE

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

6.01. *Cinderella* 7.01. *Minsk, I Love You*
8.01. *Figaro.tut*

BELARUSIAN STATE ACADEMIC MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

6.01. *Aybolit-2002* 8.01. *Silva* 10.01. *Once in Chicago* 11.01. *Dorothea* 12.01. *The Nutcracker*

BELARUSIAN ARMY DRAMA THEATRE

3 Krasnoarmeiskaya Street

6.01. *The Princess and the Soldier*
12.01. *Tender Heart's Trouble*

MAXIM GORKY NATIONAL ACADEMIC DRAMA THEATRE

5 Volodarsky Street

6.01. *Woe from Wit* 8.01. *Stars from Seventh Sky*
10.01. *Taming of the Shrew* 11.01. *Esfir* 12.01. *Winter Lion*

KHRISTOFOR THEATRE OF SATIRE AND HUMOUR

30 Komsomolskaya Street

7.01. *A Funny Concert* 11.01. *It's not Women's Business!*

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

January of decades and centuries past comes to life

12th January. In 1941, People's Artist of Belarus **Vladimir Mulyavin** was born.

16th January. In 1919, **Vladimir Olovnikov** was born — a Belarusian composer and People's Artist of Belarus.

16th January. In 1947, **Leonid Zakhlevny** was born — a composer, People's Artist of Belarus and Honoured Figure of Arts of Belarus.

17th January. In 1904, writer and Honoured Figure of Culture of Belarus **Alexander Yakimovich** (Alex Yakimovich) was born in the Igumen District's Churilovo village, in the Minsk Province.

17th January. In 1964, Belarusian writer **Andrey Fedorenko** was born.

18th January. In 1877, actor and film director **Vladimir Gardin** was born — one of the founders of Belarusian cinema.

18th January. In 1882, Honoured Figure of Arts and Architecture of the BSSR **Iosif Langdard** was born.

19th January. In 1860, **Nikolay Kulagin** was born — a scientist and academician of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

19th January. In 1900, Honoured Figure of Culture of Belarus **Mikhail Isakovsky** was born.

12th January. In 1591, Rzech Pospolita King Sigismund III granted Minsk the Magdeburg Right; its official emblem was given, showing the Virgin Mary surrounded by angels and cherubim, set against a blue background.

12th January. In 1895, the first electricity station began operating, lighting several central streets.

13th January. In 1104, a coalition of Kievan Rus dukes, organised by Vladimir Monomakh, began their crusade against Minsk.

13th January. In 1896, the first school of handicrafts opened in Minsk.

14th January. In 1873, trains began to run between Minsk and Vileika (the Libavo-Romenskaya Railway).

15th January. In 1921, the first issue of *Beloruskaya Derevnya* (Belarusian Village) newspaper was released (since 1962, known as *Selskaya Gazeta*).

15th January. In 1976, the Vileika-Minsk water system came into operation.

15th January. In 1991, the National State Humanitarian Lyceum was founded in the capital.

16th January. In 1906, the first issue of *Minskoe Slovo* was published.

16th January. In 1921, a military and economic union was signed between the Russian Federation and the Belarusian SSR.

17th January. In 1939, the All-Union Population Census was conducted, showing that Belarus was inhabited by 5,567,976 people — including 238,900 living in Minsk.

17th January. In 1941, the Minsk City Council of Deputies adopted the final draft of the General Plan for Minsk's Reconstruction.

17th January. In 1971, the State Theatre of Musical Comedy (since 1999, known as the Belarusian State Musical Theatre of Belarus) opened in Minsk.



17-18th January. In 1926, Minsk hosted the 1st Congress of Researchers of Belarusian Archaeology and Archaeography.

18th January. In 1921, the State Publishing House of the BSSR was founded (since 1963, known as the Belarus Publishing House).

18th January. In 1929, the first radio-theatre in Belarus was launched, housed by the Central House of Peasants.

18th January. In 1962, the Belarusian Society for the Protection of Nature was founded.

18th January. In 1973, the first large-dimension tyre production line opened at the Belarusian Tyre Factory in Bobruisk.

19th January. In 1911, the Lev Tolstoy Minsk Municipal Library opened.