

Custom of the week



'Rusalie' folk custom held in Sosny village, in the Minsk Region's Lyuban District

Exhibitions

NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

Until 16th February 2014. *Portrait of Ludwik Kondratowicz* —

Wladyslaw Syrokomla: exhibition of one picture of Adam Szemesz from Lithuanian Art Museum

Until 18th April 2014. *Slutsk Sashes*

Until 26th August. *Portraits of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania and Nobles of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania*

NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF BELARUS

12 Karl Marx Street

Since 8th June. *Puppet Ball of the Northern Palmyra*

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF BELARUS

116 Nezavisimosti Avenue

Since 28th May. *The World through the Eyes of Children*

Until 9th July. *Vladimir Vysotsky. Thank You!*

YAKUB KOLAS SQUARE

Until 20th September. *The Artist and the City: Kazimir Malevich*

BELARUSIAN STATE CIRCUS

32 Nezavisimosti Avenue

28.06-04.07. *Elephants in Minsk Circus*

LEONID SHCHEMELEV CITY ART GALLERY

49 Rokossousky Avenue

Until 30th June. *Fables*

Until 12th July. *Portraits*

VILNIUS ART GALLERY

55 Kalinousky Street

Until 20th July. *The World with the Dream*: exhibition of children's drawings

Theatres

BELARUSIAN STATE ACADEMIC MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

05.07. *Yunona and Avos* 10.07. *An Ordinary Miracle*

11.07. *The Nutcracker*

YANKA KUPALA NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

7 Engels Street

05.07. *Arabian Night* 07.07. *The Dinner with Nuts*

08.07. *Paulinka* 08.07. *Old-Fashioned Comedy*

11.07. *Evening*

MAXIM GORKY NATIONAL ACADEMIC DRAMA THEATRE

5 Volodarsky Street

05.07. *Private Lives* 06.07. *The Boor* 07.07. *Caught by the Net*

THEATRE-STUDIO OF FILM ACTORS

13 Pobediteley Avenue

05.07. *The Makropoulos Case* 06 and 07.07.

Forgetting Herostratos! 09 and 10.07. *The Mechanical Man* 11.07. #13

MODERN ARTS THEATRE

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

09.07. *Para Pa Param* 10.07. *Figaro.tut*

REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

08.07. *The Eternal Song* 09.07. *Yanka Kupala*

Paradise Circles 10.07. *Living till the Premiere* 11.07. *Adel*

BELARUSIAN ARMY DRAMA THEATRE

3 Krasnoarmeiskaya Street

05.07. *The Inspector*

HOUSE OF CULTURE OF TRADE UNIONS

25 Nezavisimosti Avenue

08.07. *Joachim Lis. Detective with Diploma*

Concerts

SVOBODY SQUARE

06.07. *Jazz Saturdays near the Town Hall*

RE:PUBLIC

62 Pritytsky Street

06.07. *Borgore (Israel)*

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

July of decades and centuries past comes to life

July 6th. In 1887, **Marc Chagall** — a world known pictorial and graphical artist — was born. In 1997, the Marc Chagall House-Museum opened in Vitebsk's house where the painter lived from 1906-1920.

He also reached quarter-finals at the 26th Olympics (2000, the USA).

7th July. In 1796, Belarusian and Polish poet and folklorist **Yan Chechot** was born. He was among the organisers and heads of student societies

and Belarusian literary language.

10th July. In 1942, the first Belarusian cosmonaut, **Piotr Klimuk**, was born. He was a USSR pilot-cosmonaut, twice Soviet Union Hero and laureate of the USSR State Award.

5th July. In 1947, Belarus joined the Universal Postal Union. The latter was established in 1874 as a UN body. Its member-states form a common postal territory with an aim of mutual correspondence exchange, with free correspondence passing ensured.

5th July. In 1969, the Mound of Glory of the Soviet Army — the Liberator of Belarus — opened, honouring the heroic deeds of soldiers from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Belarusian fronts and the 1st Baltic front in the 1944 Belarusian Operation.

5th July. In 1969, Khatyn Memorial Architectural and Sculptural Complex opened.

July 6th. In 1253, Novogrudok hosted crowning of Mindaugas — the Great Duke of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania; the Duchy received the status of a kingdom.

July 6th-7th. This night is

known as Kupalle — an ancient pageant holiday which is known to all Indo-European nations (bearing different names).

July 7th. In 1931, the Institute of Soviet Construction and Right was established in Minsk — known as the Minsk Law Institute since 1932 and the Belarusian State University's Law Department since 1954.

July 7th. In 1972, a monument was erected to a People's Poet of Belarus — Yanka Kupala (to mark his 90th birthday).

July 8th. In 1812, French troops occupied Minsk. During the war, the city's population dropped from 12,000 to 4,000.

July 8th. In 1999, a memorial was unveiled at the entrance to Nemiga metro station — to honour the victims of the May 30th tragedy. The plaque features five red-and-black marble steps, with 40 interwoven bronze roses and 13 tulips — symbolising the number of women and men who died. The black granite memorial has an inscription: '53 scars on Belarusian heart. May 30th, 1999.'



6th July. In 1905, Belarusian poet **Petro Glebka** — an academician of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus — was born.

6th July. In 1977, Belarusian tennis player **Max Mirnyi** was born — a Wimbledon winner (1998, the USA) and the Kremlin Cup owner (2001).

of Philomathes and Philarets.

7th July. In 1882, **Yanka Kupala** (Ivan Lutsevich) was born — a poet, playwright, publicist, translator, public figure, classical writer of Belarusian literature and an academician of the Academy of Sciences. He was a founder of modern Belarusian literature