

Exhibition of the week



Photos of beautiful places in Belarus can be seen in Minsk, at art open-air exhibition *Spadchyna of Belarus* (Heritage of Belarus) in Chelyuskintsev Park

Exhibitions

NATIONAL ART MUSEUM OF BELARUS

20 Lenin Street

Until 16th May. *Ten Masterpieces: Artistic Works from the Collections of the National Art Museum of Belarus*

Until 25th May. *Needle Painting*
Until 10th July. *Ten Centuries of Art in Belarus*

NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF BELARUS

12 Karl Marx Street

Until 25th May. *Iosif Gashkevich — a Diplomat and Oriental Scientist*

Until 25th May. From the collection of the History of Photography Museum (Krakow, Poland)

Until 6th July. *Holography-2014. Minsk*
Until 1st September. *Bank BelVEB: New Life of National Treasures*

MODERN FINE ARTS MUSEUM

47 Nezavisimosti Avenue

Until 10th June. *Avant-gARTe: from Square to Object: exhibition of contemporary art*

MIR CASTLE

Until 30th May. *Spirit of Time and Luxury: 1820-1920s*

Fashion and Style

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF BELARUS

116 Nezavisimosti Avenue

Until 14th May. *The Ostrog Bible*

Until 25th May. *Hockey at the Highest Level*

Until 1st June. Dedication to 200th anniversary since T. Shevchenko's birth

MUSEUM OF BELARUSIAN FOLK ART

Minsk Region's Raubichi

Until 2nd June. *Openwork Fantasy*

Theatres

NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

1 Parizhskoy Kommuny Square

08.05. Festive concert dedicated to Victory Day

11 and 12.05. *The Swan Lake* 13.05. *La Traviata*

14 and 15.05. *The Nutcracker*

BELARUSIAN STATE ACADEMIC MUSICAL THEATRE

44 Myasnikov Street

08.05. *The Gypsy Baron* 12.05. *Duke Luxembourg*

14.05. *Lieutenant Rzhevsky's True History*

15.05. *One Thousand and One Nights*

YANKA KUPALA NATIONAL ACADEMIC THEATRE

7 Engels Street

08.05. *Pinsk Gentry* 10 and 11.05. *Pan Tadeusz*

REPUBLICAN THEATRE OF BELARUSIAN DRAMA

44 Kropotkin Street

08 and 12.05. *Three Giselles*

13.05. *The Broken Nest*

14.05. *Living till the Premiere* 15.05. *Adel*

MODERN ARTS THEATRE

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

12.05. *Para Pa Param* 13.05. *The American Comedy*

14.05. *I Pay for Pleasure*

MINSK CONCERT HALL

5 Oktyabrskaya Street

13.05. *Bluff* 15.05. *Bad Habits; (small hall)*

Old-Fashioned Comedy

HOUSE OF CULTURE OF TRADE UNIONS

25 Nezavisimosti Avenue

15.05. *The Wishmaster*

BELARUSIAN ARMY DRAMA THEATRE

3 Krasnoarmeiskaya Street

15.05. *The Inspector*

BELARUSIAN POETIC THEATRE OF ONE ACTOR ZNICH

15 Sovetskaya Street

08.05. *Duke Glinksky-Popelinsky*

12.05. *Polesie Robisons; I Fall*

Down Before the Heaven...

15.05. *Wait, the Sun!*

Kaleidoscope of history unveiled

May of decades and centuries past come to life

May 8th. In 1883, a linguist and academician of the Belarusian National Academy of Sciences — **Stepan Nekrashevich** — was born in the village of Danilovka (now located in the Svetlogorsk District).

May 10th. In 1883, **Yanka Mavr** (true name — Ivan Fiodorov) was born — a writer, an Honoured Figure of Culture of Belarus and a founder of the Belarusian children's literature.

May 11th. In 1911, **Mikhail Mirsky** — a sportsman and coach in Greek-Roman fighting who founded the sporting fighting in Belarus — was born.

May 12th. In 1951, a circus artiste, a clown and an Honoured Artiste of Belarus — **Alexander Voronetsky** — was born.

May 13th. In 1905, **Stefania Stanyuta** was born — a Belarusian actress, a People's Artiste of Belarus and the USSR and a laureate of Belarus' State Award. Since 1931 (until her last days), she worked at the Yanka Drama Theatre.

May 14th. In 1869, **Yankel Kruger** was born in Minsk — a Belarusian painter and teacher, an Honoured Figure of Arts of Belarus.

May 14th. In 1914, a full cavalier of the Order of Glory — **Anisim Klopov** — was born in the village of Novoselie (Lepel District, Vitebsk Region).

May 15th. In 1909, a USSR Hero — **Yevsey Vainrub** — was born in Borisov. During the Great Patriotic War, he took part in defence battles in Belarus, near

Moscow and Orel — while participating in Belarus' liberation.

May 8th. In 1927, a university for peasants (working on Sundays) was established on the premises of the Gorky Agricultural Academy. It was the first of the kind in the USSR and its training course lasted 2 years.

May 8th. In 1965, the Brest Fortress received its 'Fortress-Hero' status.

May 8th. In 1985, the Minsk — City-Hero architectural-memorial complex opened in Masherov Avenue (now known as Pobeditel' Avenue).



May 14th. In 1874, the first fountain — decorated with the Boy and the Swan sculpture — was launched in Minsk's Alexandrovsky Park.

May 8th. In 2008, a memorial-bust to the US Marshal — Georgy Zhukov — was erected in a park on the intersection of Zhukov Avenue and Zheleznodorozhnaya and Minin streets.

May 8th-9th are the Days of Memory and Reconciliation (dedicated to WWII victims) — proclaimed by the UN General Assembly on November 22nd, 2004.

May 9th. In 1953, the first issue of *Maladost* (Youth) magazine was published.

May 9th is Belarus' state holiday: the Victory Day.

May 10th. In 1892, a horse-drawn railway was solemnly launched in Minsk; it connected railway stations and remote districts with the city centre.

May 10th. In 1997, the Centre for Children's Haemodialysis opened on the basis of Minsk's clinic #2.

May 11th. In 1994, a monument to Kirill Turovsky was erected in the town of Turov.

May 12th. In 1954, Belarus joined UNESCO.

May 12th. In 2000, the Vankovich House-Museum opened — timed to artist Valenty Vankovich's 200th birthday.

May 12th. In 2005, a memorial plaque was unveiled at secondary school #143 (named after M. Auezov) to honour Kazakh soldiers who struggled for Belarus' liberation and died during the Great Patriotic War.

May 14th. In 1946, Minsk received the status of a city of Republican subordination.

May 14th. In 1995, the Belarusian referendum was held, with most citizens advocating the acknowledgement of Russian as the second state language.

May 14th. In 1993, the Na Nemige Trading House opened in Minsk.

May 15th. In 1979, the Old Belarusian Culture Museum opened in Minsk, on the basis of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute for Art Studies, Ethnography and Folklore (named after K. Krapiva).