

Spanish Culture Comes to Town

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Crocus City will host the festival.

Academy Award-winning actor Javier Bardem will take part in an acting master class in Moscow this weekend and, separately, flamenco dancers will strut their stuff as more events roll in for the year of Spanish culture in Russia.

Bardem, who won best supporting actor for his chilling role as the killer in "No Country for Old Men," is in Moscow with Theater Studio-School, one of Spain's most famous and innovative acting schools.

The school's head, Juan Carlos Corazza, is staging "Remembering Yerma," based on "Yerma," a play by Federico Garcia Lorca, the famous Spanish poet and dramatist who was killed during the Spanish Civil War, on Friday and Saturday.

The staging and the master class are part of the "Celebration of Russia, Cradle of Modern Theatre" festival at the Meyerhold Theatre.

The acting master class with Bardem and a number of other Spanish actors will take place on Saturday and is only for local drama and film students.

The 10th International Festival of Flamenco "Viva Espana!" opens Friday running through Sunday and will have daily flamenco master classes from noon to 7 p.m., a flamenco fashion show, Spanish cuisine taster sessions and an exhibit of work from contemporary Spanish designers. Flamenco performances will start every evening from 7 p.m.

"Remembering Yerma" is on at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Meyerhold Theatre. 23 Novoslobodskaya Ulitsa. Metro Novoslobodskaya, Mendeleyevskaya. Tel. 363-1048, <u>www.meyerhold.ru/en/playbill/</u>.

International Festival of Flamenco "Viva Espana!" runs May 13, 14 and 15. Crocus City Hall. Crocus City, Crocus Expo, Pavilion 3. Metro Myakinino. Tel. 223-4020, <u>www.fiestaflamenco.ru</u>.

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