

Opera

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Nabucco: This production of Verdi's opera, based on the biblical story of the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar and his invasion of Jerusalem, is one of the Bolshoi's best in years. Bolshoi Theater New Stage. Tuesday the 21st, Wednesday the 22nd at 7 p.m. and May 24 and 25 at 7 p.m., May 26 at 6 p.m.

Opera Addresses

Thursday, May 16th

Boris Godunov: Dmitry Bertman stages Mussorgsky's musical drama based on Pushkin's tragedy about the tsar who ruled in the Time of Troubles. Helikon Opera on Arbat. 7 p.m.

FESTIVAL **Moscow Easter:** MT PICK **Benvenuto Cellini:** the concert version of Berlioz's opera performed by the Mariinsky Theater soloists, choir and orchestra. Valery Gergiev conducts. Conservatory Great Hall. 7 p.m.

Friday, May 17th

Boris Godunov: (See Thurs. listing.) Helikon Opera on Arbat. 7 p.m.

Lord of the Flies (Povelitel Mukh): Yefrem Podgaits' rock opera based on William Golding's novel. Natalya Sats Children's Musical Theater. 6 p.m.

Opera Night: classical arias, duets and jam. Alexei Kozlov Club. 11:30 p.m.

MT PICK **Turandot:** Giacomo Puccini's opera based on Schiller's adaptation of the tale by Carlo Gozzi about a princess whose fiance must solve three riddles or be beheaded. Directed by Francesca Zambello. Bolshoi Theater Main Stage. 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18th

Boris Godunov: (See Thurs. listing.) Helikon Opera on Arbat. 7 p.m.

Moscow Conservatory Opera Theater performs scenes from Rachmaninov's "Aleko" and Puccini's "La Boheme." Conservatory Great Hall. 2 p.m.

MT PICK Turandot: (See Fri. listing.) Bolshoi Theater Main Stage. 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 19th

Lucia di Lammermoor: Donizetti's operatic masterpiece about the feud between two families, staged by Adolf Shapiro. Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theater. 7 p.m.

NEW **Tristan and Isolde:** premiere of Wagner's opera as staged by Nicola Raab. Performed in German. Novaya Opera. 6 p.m.

MT PICK Turandot: (See Fri. listing.) Bolshoi Theater Main Stage. 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21st

L'Elisir d'Amore (Lyubovny Napitok): Donizetti's opera about a young man turning to magic to win his sweetheart. Directed by Yury Alexandrov. Novaya Opera. 7 p.m.

Marina Mirana (soprano) in a theatrical operatic concert. Dom Zhurnalista. 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 22nd

MT PICK Nabucco: (See Tues. listing.) Bolshoi Theater New Stage. 7 p.m.

Ruslan and Lyudmila: a fantasy based on Mikhail Glinka's opera and Pushkin's verse tale. Directed by Ivan Fadeyev. Novaya Opera. 7 p.m. **The Merry Widow** (Vesyolaya Vdova): Franz Lehar's operetta about the attempts of a baron to obtain a widow's fortune for his impoverished country of Pontevedria. Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theater. 7 p.m.

and Beyond...

L'Elisir d'Amore (Lyubovny Napitok): This Donizetti opera features colorful costumes and clever props. Performed mostly in Russian with key passages in Italian. Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theater. May 23, 7 p.m.

NEW **Pinocchio:** Pierangelo Valtinoni's opera for kids retells the classic fairy tale by Carlo Collodi. Pokrovsky Chamber Musical Theater. May 23, 24 at 7 p.m., May 25 and 26 at 6 p.m.

A Dinner Party With Italians (Zvany Uzhin s Italyantsami): Offenbach's one-act operetta. Also in program Puccini's late one-act opera "Gianni Schicchi." Novaya Opera. May 24, 7 p.m.

MT PICK **Nabucco:** (See Tues. listing.) Bolshoi Theater New Stage. May 24 and 25 at 7 p.m., May 26 at 6 p.m.

NEW Tristan and Isolde: (See Sun. listing.) Novaya Opera. May 25, 6 p.m.

Operatic Concert features scenes from **Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" and Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov."** Bolshoi Theater Main Stage. May 26, 6 p.m.

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