

A New Season of Fall Concerts Starts in Moscow

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British retro-pop newcomer King Krule will play at Strelka this weekend. Henry Laurisch

This year proved to be spectacular in terms of music: In the summer, Muscovites got to see the best lineups in years or possibly ever. But September is drawing to an end, it's been raining almost nonstop and parts of Moscow have already seen their first snow. Which means the time for open air festivals and concerts is over. However, it's not a reason for music fans to despair as plenty of great shows are planned for the coming months. Below are some of the concerts music lovers should consider.

King Krule, Sept. 27, Stelka Bar.

This 19-year-old redhead, who looks a bit like Ron Weasley from the Harry Potter series, shot to fame when his debut EP was released last year. His real name is Archie Marshall, and he made his first recordings under the name Zoo Kid. King Krule's first full length album came out less than a month ago, and it has already ben touted as one of the most interesting LPs

of the year. He explores some new elements but mostly sticks with blues and guitar retro pop.

These New Puritans, Nov. 2, Glavklub.

Glavklub is a renovated version of what used be B1 Maximum and later A2, and in the former incarnation was considered the best concert venue in town. It remains to be seen whether Glavklub will be up to the task, but the announced shows look promising.

These New Puritans is a British band that started out with post punk but slowly drifted to experimental rock with elements of dance on their second album. Their latest album, "Field of Reeds" got the "best new music" seal of approval on pitchfork.com, the most influential music website. It is probably the most melodic of their works and sounds more like indie pop than anything else. These New Puritans are also renowned for their nonconventional live performances.

Glen Hansard, Nov. 7, Moskva Hall.

Glen Hansard is a folk rocker from Ireland, most famous for his leading role in semiautobiographical movie Once. In Once he and his partner Marketa Irglova played all the songs, including Falling Slowly which won an Oscar. After the movie Glen Hansard toured with Marketa Irglova as The Swell Season but currently both are pursuing solo careers. He released his debut album last year, which included Come Away to the Water, a song heard on the soundtrack of the sci-fi blockbuster Hunger Games.

Warpaint, Nov. 12, Glavklub.

Warpaint is a female indie folk rock band from Los Angeles. Their music is often compared to Cat Power, but it is a bit darker and more experimental. Their debut EP was produced by John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers fame, who at the time dated the lead singer. Warpaint has been playing since 2004. A well-known actress Shannyn Sossamon used to play drums, but the band has since changed its lineup. They have released several EPs but only one full album. They're planning to drop their second album this fall, so the concert will hopefully combine old and new material.

Miles Kane, Nov. 23, Glavklub.

Miles Kane is most famous for being co-leader of The Last Shadow Puppets along with Alex Turner from Arctic Monkeys and for being a former member of indie rock band The Rascals. Miles already played in Moscow in 2011 with his first solo album, and now he's coming to showcase his second LP, which just came out this summer. Kane plays good old Britpop sprinkled with a little bit of post-punk and mod rock and sounds great live.

So don't be afraid of the cold, and get your tickets in advance. After all, music can warm you up just as well, if not better, than vodka shots.

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