

Muchnik's Picks: Music in Moscow Over the Weekend

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This week doesn't have to be all rain, sleet and snow. Moscow, as usual, offers a whole range of concerts this coming weekend. Here are our picks.

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Yotaspace. 11 Ulitsa Ordzhonikidze. Metro Leninsky Prospekt. Fri. at 8 p.m.

If you are in a mood for something a bit more contemporary, on Friday night check out **Race to Space**, which will be presenting their new EP. Race to Space is one of the many music projects of the prolific Miriam Sekhon, whose voice has been compared with that of Dolores O'Riordan of The Cranberries. The band plays a mix of indie-pop and electronic music, somehow reminiscent of the Orbital and London Grammar at the same time

Sixteen Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnenskiy Val. Metro Ulitsa 1905 Goda. Fri. at 11 p.m.

This Saturday, **Sergei Babkin**, the lyrical half of the cult duo 5'nizza, which enjoyed a brief reunion last summer, will perform his solo program at Yotaspace. Babkin is known for his mellow pop-rock melodies and somewhat melancholy lyrics, so stock up on tissues before you go.

Yotaspace. 11 Ulitsa Ordzhonikidze. Metro Leninsky Prospekt. Sat. at 8 p.m.

If you feel like experiencing some of that signature Moscow opulence this weekend, go to **Enrique Iglesias**' concert at the Barvikha Luxury Village this Sunday. It will cost you — ticket prices start at 20,000 rubles (about \$300) — but it will be an unforgettable experience. And Enrique doesn't need any introduction.

Barvikha Luxury Village, 114/1, 8 km of Rublevo-Uspenskoye Shosse . Metro Molodezhnaya. Sun. at 7 p.m.

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