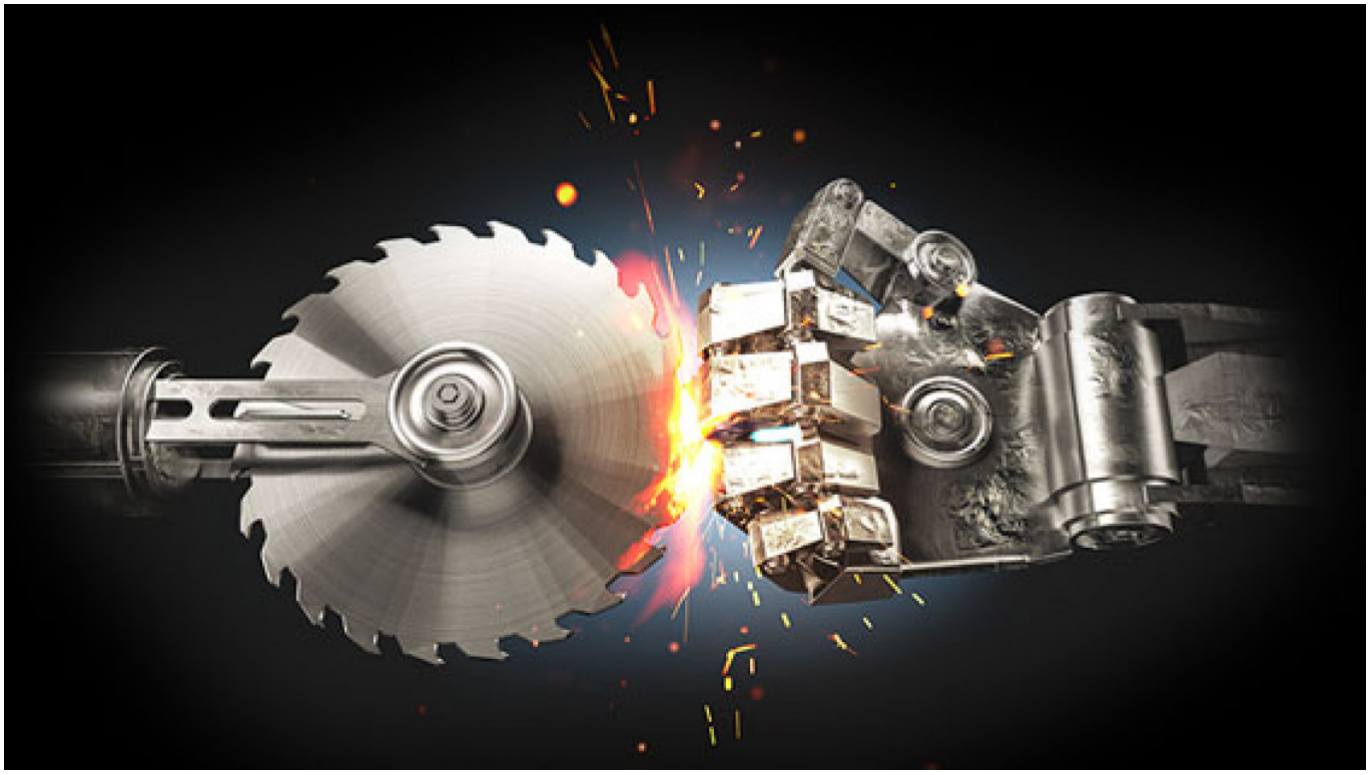
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Moscow Entertainment Ideas for the Long Weekend

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Event: Robot Wars

Battle of the machines

What better way to spend your evening than watching incredible hulks of metal battle annihilate one another? Bronebot season will kick off on Sunday with a much anticipated robot-battle between Britain and Russia. The international competition is judged by an independent panel on criteria such as the robots' aggression, damage to the enemy and overall strategy. The 3-day event will feature over 30 battles and expects to attract 40,000 spectators.

Olimpiisky Sports Complex
bronebot.ru
16 Olimpiisky Prospekt, Bldg. 1. Metro Prospekt Mira
Feb. 21-23

Exhibition: Sebastião Salgado


Sebastião Salgado

Uncharted territory

"Genesis" is the latest project from internationally-renowned photographer Sebastião Salgado. He has spent the last eight years traveling the world and documenting the wildlife and landscapes he encounters. The exhibition, which showcases remote regions as yet untouched by humankind, aims to highlight the environmental issues we are currently facing as a planet. The black and white images have already toured widely and are currently on display at Moscow's Mouravieff-Apostol Museum.

Mouravieff-Apostol House and Museum
ma-housemuseum.ru
23/9 Staraya Basmannaya Ulitsa, Bldg. 1. Metro Kurskaya
Until May 17.

Theater: Ramona

Locomotive love

Ramona, like all of the best romances, tells the story of two star-crossed lovers. The twist? They are steam engines. Prepare to be dazzled by the innovative and logic-defying effects of the skillful puppeteers in this charming marionette performance at the Museum of Moscow. A wonderful evening of alternative theater from Rezo Gabriadze's puppet theatre.

Museum of Moscow
mosmuseum.ru
2 Zubovsky Bulvar. Metro Park Kultury
Feb. 18-21

Theater: Stalingrad


Gabriadze

Thrilling puppetry

A second offering from Gabriadze. Stalingrad is not so much a dramatization of the battle but a sweeping tale of life's eccentricities told by an astounding lineup of puppets. Surreal to the extreme, we wouldn't recommend attending if you're a stickler for historical accuracy.
A unique interpretation of events brought to life by a dazzling production.

Museum of Moscow
mosmuseum.ru
2 Zubovsky Bulvar. Metro Park Kultury
Feb. 22-28.

Event: Sledding Tournament


Battle Sani VK

A celebration of the weird and the wonderful

On Tuesday Sokolniki Park will play host to its fourth annual Battle of the Sleds. The event celebrates the wacky creations of sledding enthusiasts, allowing them to put their innovative designs to the test. Although it's too late to enter, you can enjoy watching participants slide down the run on their inventions at breakneck speed. The icing on the cake? This year's competition is intergalactic-themed.

Sokolniki Park
park.sokolniki.com
1/1 Sokolnichesky Val. Metro Sokolniki
Feb. 23.

Exhibition: Photo Biennale



Annie Leibovitz

See the world anew

The Multimedia Art Museum (MAMM) just kicked off the 2016 Moscow Biennale of Photography. The event will be taking place over the next seven months with dozens of shows at various locations throughout the city. Over the weekend, check out three shows that span the centuries at MAMM. Start with works by William Carrick and John MacGregor, pioneers in ethnographic photography, whose pictures are collected here in "The Russian Empire: 1860-1870." Next, see life under the Bolsheviks in a show of Mikhail Smodor's works, called "A Regional Town of Galich: 1900-1930." And end your day at the exhibition of the 43rd Pirelli calendar, this year an unexpected series portraits of powerful women done by Annie Leibovitz.

MAMM
mamm-mdf.ru
16 Ulitsa Ostozhenka

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