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Muchnik's Picks: The Neighbourhood, Molly Nillson, Mana Island and More Music on the Weekend in Moscow

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It's that time of the year in Moscow when one long weekend is just over and it's already time to get ready for the next. With several great bands from abroad gracing Moscow in the coming days, what better way to celebrate the short week than with a gig?


The Neighbourhood

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The Neighbourhood, also known as NBHD, are a group of five guys from sunny California. Their single "Sweater Weather" became an immediate hit and also gained the band popularity in Russia, maybe because "sweater weather" is so common here. On Thursday the band will play songs from their second album "Wiped Out."

Yotaspace. 11 Ulitsa Ordzhonikidze. Metro Leninsky Prospekt. Tickets from 2,000 rubles ($26). Thurs. at 8 p.m.


Molly Nilsson

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Molly Nilsson, an up and coming synth-pop act from Sweden, will play at 16 Tons on Friday. Nilsson, who now lives in Berlin, released a few albums before becoming known as John Maus' collaborator a couple of years ago. Now her albums and singles get reviewed by Pitchfork. Her music uses live instruments and has a certain 1980s nostalgic feel.

16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro Ulitsa 1905 Goda. Tickets from 1,100 rubles ($14). Fri. at 11 p.m.

Maybeshewill

Maybeshewill will visit Moscow on Friday as part of their farewell tour. The band announced their split in September last year. The British group, originally from Leicester, play instrumental post-rock or math-rock, a music style quite popular in Russia.

Teatr Club. 20/1 Ulitsa Staraya Basmannaya. Metro Kurksya, Krasnie Vorota. Tickets from 1,700 rubles ($22). Fri. at 8 p.m.



Pavel Artemiev / VK

Artemiev

Artemiev is Pavel Artemiev, once a member of the popular boy band Korni, alumni of the Fabrika Zvezd (Star Factory), the Russian equivalent of American Idol. Artemiev plays solo now and this Saturday he will celebrate his birthday at Masterskaya. Artemiev became known for his own blend of indie-pop with thoughtful lyrics and catchy melodies.

Masterskaya. 4 Ulitsa Pushechnaya. Metro Okhotny Ryad, Teatralnaya. Free. Sat. at 8 p.m.


Mana Island

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Mana Island, one of the most popular English language indie rock bands in Moscow today, will present their acoustic program at TsDKh on Saturday. Although similar to Pompeya, Tesla Boy and On-the-Go, Mana Island stands apart thanks to their frontman's energy. Their acoustic program will include a sting section and back vocals.

TsDKh (Central Artist's House). 10 Ulitsa Krymsky Val. Metro Oktyabrskaya, Park Kultury. Tickets from 900 rubles ($12). Sat. at 8 p.m.


Makenza / VK

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Makenza, a new band hailing from Nizhny Novgorod, will present their first album at the Mumy Troll Bar on Sunday. Their music sometimes leans towards rock, sometimes towards funk, with elements of punk or even Bossa nova. Lyrics are in Russian, English and Ukrainian. It's definitely a combination worth checking out.

Mumy Troll Music Bar. 7 Ulitsa Tverskaya. Metro Okhotny Ryad, Teatralnaya. Tickets from 500 rubles ($6.50). Sun. at 8 p.m.

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