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Muchnik's Picks: Wiley, a-ha, Tanzy Minus and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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March is in full swing, spring is now truly in the air, and Tinder traffic is off the charts! Here are some gigs you can invite your date to depending on her/his tastes and inclinations this weekend.


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Wiley

English grime star **Wiley** will play at Konstruktor, a former brewery turned trendy club, on Thursday. Wiley is considered one of the pioneers of grime, which is getting more popular by the hour. He is also known for his bad temper and not showing up for his concerts — so let's keep our fingers crossed.

Konstruktor. 12/1 Kutuzovsky Prospekt. Metro Kievskaya. Tickets from 1,000 rubles ($15). Thurs. at 8 p.m.



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Pavel Karmanov

The launch of the **Sound Up** concert series at the Gogol Center on Thursday will be a treat for fans of experimental music. The series will concentrate on music that's somewhere between the new music and pop. Pavel Karmanov, a member of Vezhlivy Otkaz, will play five pieces for piano and strings while Piano Interrupted, a band from England, will mix piano music with independent dance music (IDM) rhythms.

Gogol Center. 9A Ulitsa Kazakova. Metro Kurskaya. Tickets from 2,000 rubles ($27). Thurs. at 8 p.m.

A 100% hit for a date is the **a-ha** concert on Saturday. The Norwegian band is once again on a farewell tour after their second reunion, which resulted in the release of their tenth album entitled "Cast in Steel" last year. Famous for their romantic ballads and upbeat synthpop, a-ha is a great live band. Expect both their old hits and new material.

Olimpiisky. 16 Prospekt Olimpiisky. Metro Prospekt Mira. Tickets from 2,000 rubles ($27). Sat. at 7 p.m.



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Tanzy Minus

Tanzy Minus from St Petersburg will play their traditional spring concert at 16 Tons on Saturday. The band's romantic inclinations are most heard in their famous song "Polovinka" ("The Other Half"), while their other hit, "Gorod" ("The City") could be called an unofficial anthem of St. Pete.

16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 2,000 rubles ($27). Sat. at 8 p.m.



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Markscheider Kunst

Another St. Petersburg band is playing on Sunday — Russian ska and reggae professionals **Markscheider Kunst**. If you are in a mood for some slow grooving and siging along, this is the gig for you.

Yotaspace. 11 Ulitsa Ordzhonikidze. Metro Leninsky Prospekt. Tickets from 300 rubles ($4). Sun. at 8 p.m.

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