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Muchnik's Picks: Splin, Bi-2, Foresteppe and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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Bi-2

As is often the case in Moscow, spring took a break and we are facing another weekend that feels like March rather than May. But don't despair — we've prepared a selection of gigs that will help you survive this temporary inconvenience.

"Brat 2" was a cult 1990s movie by the late director Sergei Bodrov and pretty much everyone in Russia can read whole scenes from it by heart. It's also famous for one of the first memorable soundtracks in the post-Soviet era. The concert at Crocus City Hall will reproduce that soundtrack live. Several giants of Russia's rock scene are expected to perform, including **Vyacheslav Butusov and his U-PITER, Splin, Bi-2, Samoylov brothers** formerly of Agatha Christie fame and now with their own bands and **Smislovie Galutsinatsii**.

Crocus City Hall. Crocus City, MKAD 65-66 km. Metro Myakinino. Tickets from 3,700 rubles, Thursday at 7 p.m.



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NO ZU

Sasha Vinogradova, front woman of HIK, an indie-pop band from Moscow, will present her solo effort called "365 days till Martha" devoted to her newborn daughter. Sasha compares her songs with diary entries from the past ten years. She cites Pharoah Sanders Syd Barrett and Patti Smith among her influences. It's light, folk-pop music, with occasional ukulele and accordion. The songs are mostly in English with only a couple in Russian.

16 tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnenskiy Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 350 rubles. Friday at 11 p.m.

The only event that the weather might interfere with is the Strelka Summer Program opening since it will take place at Strelka's open courtyard. If you've been to one of Strelka's parties, you know that it will be a blast come rain or shine. The party's headliner is **NO ZU** from Australia, relative newcomers, who play so called "heat beat" — revolutionary sound that combines of jazz, funk, house techno and percussion music. There will also be several DJ sets.

Strelka. 14 Bersenevskaya Naberezhnaya, Bldg. 5, Metro Polyanka, Kropotkinskaya. Entrance by invite, to get one, take part in the contest. Friday at 10 p.m.



Foresteppe

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Linda, one of the largest stars of the late 1990s in Russia will be always remembered for her "Malo Ognya" (Too little fire) mega hit. But she never rests. Just last fall Linda released her latest, already ninth, album, entitled "Karandashi i spichki" (Pencils and matches) so expect both her old hits and relatively new music.

Mumiy Troll Music Bar. 7 Tverskaya Ulitsa. Metro Okhotny Ryad, Teatralnaya. Tickets from 1,500 rubles. Saturday at 10 p.m.

If you want some quiet music on Saturday night, go to the Fields party at MARS. Two instrumentalists from Siberia, **Foresteppe** and **Bisamråtta** will play each his own music and then present their joint album. Both acts can be described as minimalist, ambient electronic music.

Mars Gallery. 5 Pereulok Pushkarev. Metro Trubnaya, Tsvetnoi Bulvar. Tickets 300 rubles. Saturday at 8 p.m.

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