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Muchnik's Picks: Emir Kusturica and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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Emir Kusturica

Spring's last weekend is upon us and the weather is positively summer-like. At the end of the season there are a few precious gifts for music fans, from Sir Elton John to Emir Kusturica. Check out our latest selection:

Emir Kusturica and The No Smoking Orchestra will explode Moscow with their Balkan sound on Thursday. Kusturica, a Serbian film maker, is mostly known for his international hit movies "Black Cat, White Cat" and "Underground." But recently he's been touring more and more with his band. Kusturica is also a vocal supporter of Russian and President Vladimir Putin, which allegedly had something to do with his latest movie "On the Milky Road" being rejected by the Cannes Festival. But politics aside, this will be a blast of a concert.

Yotaspace. 11 Ulitsa Ordzhonikidze. Metro Leninsky Prospekt. Tickets from 2,200 rubles. Thursday at 8 p.m.

SBPCh, which stands for Samoye Bolshoye Prostoye Chislo (the largest prime number) will present their new single "Lyuba" at Powerhouse on Friday. Hailing from St. Petersburg, SBPCh is one of the most popular indie-bands in Russia right now. Their latest album "Zdes i vsegda" ("Here and Always") has been lauded by critics and there's a lot of anticipation for their new record, which promises to be quite different.

Dewar's Powerhouse. 7/4 Goncharnaya. Metro Taganskaya, Markistskaya. Tickets from 600 rubles. Friday at 8 p.m.

Alina Os is a rising indie-pop singer songwriter. Her music can be best described as a mix of jazz, hip-hop, and reggae. Her latest single reminds a bit of the cult band 5nizza. She writes music and lyrics for all of her songs.

16 tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnenskiy Val. Metro 1905 goda. Tickets from 500 rubles. Friday at 11 p.m.

You probably remember **Deep Forest** from the mid-1990s with their "Sweet Lullaby" and other world-music inspired dance tracks. It turns out the band is still around, although only one of the original musicians remained on the team — Eric Mouquet, who keeps producing the same blend of electronic and ethnic music.

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Sir Elton John needs no introductions. He's currently touring the world with his latest album, "Wonderful Crazy Night Tour" released just last February. Expects songs from the new album as well as maestro's greatest hits.

Crocus City Hall. Crocus City, MKAD 65-66 km. Metro Myakinino. Tickets from 4,500 rubles. Monday at 8 p.m.

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