

Muchnik's Picks: Jenia Lubich, Easy M and More Music on the Weekend in Moscow

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Artemiev is a solo project of Pavel Artemiev, a former member of the popular boy band Kornī, winner of the show "Fabrika Zvezd" (Star Factory), the Russian version of "American Idol." Artemiev has left his boy band days behind and is focused on writing catchy indie-pop songs with heartfelt lyrics. He will play a free concert at a brand new venue on Tverskoi Bulvar —

Kerosin.

Kerosin Bar. 24 Tverskoi Bulvar. Metro Tverskaya, Pushkinskaya. Free admission. Thurs. at 10 p.m.

Jenia Lubich will play another free concert at Kerosin. Jenia is a singer-songwriter from St. Petersburg who first came to fame as one of the vocalists in the French band Nouvelle Vague. After moving back home she recorded her first successful solo hit "Russian Girl," which featured the famous line "I am a simple Russian girl, I've got vodka in my blood." Jenia sings in Russian, English and French, and she already has released two full-length albums and recorded songs for the soundtrack of a Russian blockbuster fantasy film "On Drakon" ("He's the Dragon")

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Easy M is a rather new Russian band playing indie dance music with a bit of disco influence. They've already played at major Russian festivals like Future Alfa People in Nizhny Novgorod and V-ROCKS in Vladivostok. Come check them out at the Mummy Troll Bar on Friday.

Mummy Troll Music Bar. 7 Ulitsa Tverskaya. Metro Okhotny Ryad, Teatralnaya. Tickets from 500 rubles (\$8). Fri. at 9 p.m.

If you are feeling nostalgic for the Russian music of the late 1990s-early 2000s, a concert of **Smyslovie Gallutsinatsii** (Conceptual Hallucinations) at 16 Tons is a must see — especially since it's part of their farewell tour. If you want to hear "Vechno molodoi, vechno pyany" (Forever young, forever drunk) live one more time, this is your chance.

16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 1,800 rubles (\$28). Sat. at 8 p.m.

The **Jameson Block Party** is six hours of non-stop partying at a basketball court right under the Luzhnetsky Bridge, part of the Luzhniki sports complex. The line-up includes two up-and-coming acts from the U.K. First, there's Snakehips, a DJ duo famous for their remixes of Weeknd + Banks, as well as their own hit "All My Friends," featuring Chance the Rapper. The headliner is another duo from the U.K., the immensely popular hip-hop act Krept & Konan, who came from the underground scene. Last year they released their full-length debut album, "The Long Way Home." "Freak of the Week," the single from that album, reached almost forty million views on YouTube.

Luzhnetsky bridge. Metro Vorobyovy Gory. Free entrance. Register at pernod-ricard-rouss.com. Sat. at 6 p.m.

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