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Muchnik's Picks: Island of 1991, Modernrock Fest and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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Ishome/VK

Summer is almost over, but that doesn't mean an end to the open air festivals we've been enjoying over the last couple of months. Whether it's indie-rock, electronic music or a festival in a courtyard you're after, here are our top music picks for the weekend.

Elektromonteur is an up-and-coming Moscow band whose music has already been compared with the likes of Brian Ferry and Depeche Mode. In reality Elektromonteur plays its own brand of music, best defined as a mix of synth-pop and indie-rock. Their lyrics are quite funny too, provided you understand Russian.

16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro Ulitsa 1905 Goda. Free entrance. Friday at 8 p.m.

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Ishome is a⊠moniker for Mirabella Karyanova, one of the most promising names on the⊠budding Russian electro scene. With just one album under her belt she has already managed⊠to capture the attention of music critics and clubbers alike. Her music is a mix of⊠dub, future bass and ambient, but it all makes sense together, because Ishome's⊠real talent is finding the right melody.

Brusov Ship. 10⊠Krymskaya naberezhnaya. Metro Park Kultury. F Tickets from 700 rubles ($11). Friday⊠at 8 p.m.

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The new open air venue in the courtyard of the Winzavod Center for Contemporary Art will host Modernrock Fest this weekend. The headliner is **Delfin aka Dolphin** — who real name is Andrei Lysikov — ⊠one of the founders of Russian hip-hop pioneers Malchyshnik ("bachelor party").⊠During more than 20 years as a solo artist he has released 13 albums. Dolphin's current⊠music style is more about electronic loops and lyrics than beats and⊠hip-hop. Another headliner is **SBPCh**,⊠one of the leading indie-pop bands in Russia, whose music can
sound like mainstream indie-pop or experimental⊠electronic. The line-up also includes **Biting⊠Elbows**
, an indie-rock band whose video served as inspiration for the⊠international blockbuster film "Hardcore," directed by the band's leader Ilya⊠Naishuller.

Winzavod. 1/6⊠Pereulok 4 Syromyatnichesky. Metro Kurskaya, Chkalovskaya. Tickets from 1,000⊠rubles ($16). Friday at 7 p.m.

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Yest Yest Yest, an⊠experimental hip-hop band from Saint Petersburg, will play at the Mars Center on Friday. Their name consists of the homonym "yest" which in Russian⊠simultaneously means "to be" and "to eat." Yest Yest Yest mix their beats and⊠sharp lyrics with various musical styles from acid jazz to indie rock to⊠techno. They were nominated for several categories at Steppenwolfe, Artem Troitsky's alternative⊠music awards, and won in one.

Mars Center. 5⊠Pushkarev
Pereulok. Metro Trubnaya, Tsvetnoi Bulvar. Tickets 600 rubles
($10). Friday⊠at 8 p.m.

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Ostrov 1991 (Island of 1991) is a festival devoted to the⊠anniversary of the 1991 coup d'etat,

which heralded the demise of the Soviet Union. The festival is also harks back to everything 1990s — fashion, culture and music. There will be two stages. The one on the steps of the fountain is devoted to electronic music, where you can listen to **Novie Kompozitory** (New Composers), pioneers of the electronic music movement in Russia, as well as contemporary artists, like **Pixelord**, the first Russian musician to play Boiler Room. The headliners of the main stage are **Vyacheslav Butusov** and **Megapolis**. The former will perform acoustic versions of the hits of the cult band **Nautilus Pompilius**, who peaked in popularity during the Perestroika years. The latter will play big 1990s hits like "Karl Marx Stadt" and "Volga."

Park Muzeon. 2 Krymsky Val. Metro Oktyabrskaya, Park Kultury. Free entrance.
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from 5 p.m.

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