

Muchnik's Picks: Sound Up, Fields Festival and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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Moon Hooch Moon Hooch/Facebook

This weekend Moscow celebrates City Day, which means crowds of people everywhere and plenty of free concerts and frivolity to enjoy. Just make sure you get a ticket to your gig or to the festival well in advance to enjoy the music and avoid having to fight your way through the hoards.

Sound Up is a series of concerts of new academic and ⊠electronic music, juxtaposing European and Russian musicians on the same stage.⊠Each concert is played at a new venue and the fifth edition will take place at ⊠the Masterskaya Petra Fomenko theater. German electro-acoustic project Field Rotation is actually just one⊠man, violin and piano player Christoph Berg, who will present his latest album "Fatalist:⊠The Repetition of History." Prominent Russian musician and composer Alexei Aigui will⊠play some of his well-known pieces, as well as new compositions with his band 4'33".

Masterskaya Petra⊠Fomenko. 29 Naberezhnaya Tarasa Shevchenko. Metro Kutuzovsky Prospekt. Tickets⊠from 2,500 rubles (39\$). Thursday, at 8 p.m.

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The Jack Wood, a⊠garage and blues rock band, hail from the city of Tomsk in Siberia. They won⊠last year's Jagermeister Indie Award as the "rock band of the year," have collaborated⊠with Pussy Riot and performed at Glastonbury Festival in England. The Jack Wood⊠hasn't performed for a year, focusing on recording their new album "Ritual," which⊠they will present at 16 Tons.

16 Tons. 6/1⊠Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 600 rubles (\$9). Friday,⊠at 11 p.m.

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Moon Hooch will be⊠the second band to play in the new Mosaic Music series in the atrium of⊠Garage museum. Garage is housed in a building that used to be home to the restaurant Vremena Goda, famous for its 1960s jazz parties. Moon Hooch,⊠a jazz band from New York will continue this time honored tradition on Saturday.⊠Moon Hooch plays a lively mix of experimental jazz and electronic music.

Garage Museum of⊠Contemporary Art. 9/32 Ulitsa Krymsky⊠Val. Metro Park Kultury, Oktyabrskaya. Tickets from 500 rubles (\$8). Saturday,⊠at 7.30 p.m.

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Not one, but two artists from the famous London's Ninja Tune⊠label will play at Dewar's Powerhouse on Saturday. The first is French American⊠duo **Paris Suit Yourself**, which plays⊠a blend of electronic music, soul and jazz. The second is the legendary **DJ Food** project, which started the⊠Ninja Tune label in the first place, with a new audiovisual show.

Dewar's⊠Powerhouse. 7/4 Goncharnaya. Metro Taganskaya, Markistskaya. Tickets from 600⊠rubles (\$9). Saturday, at 8 p.m.

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This year's headliners at the Fields Festival of avant-garde music are Mexican-French duo **Murcof & Vanessa Wagner**

, who will mix academic with electronic music alongside Mike

Cooper, an improvisation master from the U.K.**⊠**Flying the flag for Russia is

Lovozero, an

electronic artist who experiments with Russian folk songs and **Kira Weinstein**, formerly of Kira Lao, who turned from post-punk to experimental music. A second stage hosts the leading names in Russian new academic music, including **Dmitry Kurlyandsky** and **Alexei Sysoyev**.

Park Muzeon. 2⊠Krymskiy Val. Metro Oktyabrskaya, Park Kultury. Free entrance. Saturday, from 1⊠p.m.

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