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Weekend in Moscow: British Film Festival, Woof Fest and More

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I, Daniel Blake (2016) **Wild Bunch**

Cinephiles are in for a treat this weekend as not one, but two international film festivals come to town. For animal-lovers there's a event celebrating furry friends down at Artplay and if you're in the mood for an exhibition, this weekend is one of your last chances to catch the spectacular Rodchenko retrospective at MMAM.

Italian Film Festival

Something for all ages and tastes

The third edition of the Italian-Russian Film Festival (RIFF) arrives in Moscow Tuesday. The 13-day event will feature the screening of 25 Italian movies, all of them premiering in Russian for the first time. From comedies like "Il Ministro," to dramas, short films and documentaries

like “Night Life,” the festival brings a little slice of the mediterranean to central Moscow. All films will be screened in Italian with Russian subtitles.

Karo Oktyabr. 24 Ulitsa Novy Arbat. Metro Arbatskaya. Nov. 1-13 riff-russia.ru

Woof Fest

Make a furry friends

What could warm the cockles of your heart more on a chilly weekend in October than supporting Moscow's homeless animals and stroking a pooch or two while you're at it? Woof Fest comes to Artplay this weekend with the aim of raising the profile of animal adoption in the capital. You can meet animals, learn more about rehoming and — you don't have the time or space for a pet — enjoy some delicious food or buy some unique products from their charity market. All proceeds will be used to help the construction of the "Wet nose" animal centre.

Artplay.10 Nizhnyaya Syromyatnicheskaya Ulitsa. Metro Kurskaya, Chkalovskaya. Oct. 29-30. 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. woof-fest.ru

The New British Film Festival

The best British cinema

The New British Film Festival is back for the 17th time and once again most viewings are at the Gorizont cinema. The festival will open with “I, Daniel Blake,” a new masterpiece by Ken Loach, which received the Palme d'Or at Cannes Festival this year. The film chronicles the fight of an unlikely couple against the bureaucracy of the British welfare system. There will also be a documentary about the life and films of Ken Loach, who turned 80 this year. Paul Laverty, the screenwriter for “I, Daniel Blake,” will be in Moscow for Q& session and a public talk. Among other highlights is a documentary about the brit pop pioneers Oasis and BAFTA-nominated short films.

Gorizont. 21/10 Komsomolsky Prospekt. Metro Park Kultury. Through Nov.6 ukfilms.ru

Alexander Rodchenko

Experiments for the Future

This major retrospective features more than 100 of Alexander Rodchenko's works. 2016 marks the 125th anniversary of the artist, sculptor and designer's birth and this collection celebrates his unique brand of photography, which was both experimental and groundbreaking from an aesthetic perspective. His photographs are often shot from unusual angles, providing a new perspective and a documentary-like feel to his work.

Moscow Multimedia Art Museum.16 Ulitsa Ostozhenka. Metro Kropotkinskaya. Through

Nov.11 *mamm-mdf.ru*

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