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What's On in Moscow Sept. 17-19

There's something for everybody this weekend.

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Russian soprano Anna Netrebko. **annanetrebko.com**

Opera stars including Placido Domingo, Cecilia Bartoli and Rolando Villazon will sing in honor of Russian soprano Anna Netrebko's 50th birthday on Saturday in the State Kremlin Palace. Leading Russian music producers Filipp Kirkorov and Igor Krutoy will also perform.

Ticket prices start at 5,000 rubles ($69) and are as high as 65,000 rubles for seats close to the stage. Some of the proceeds will go to the Arithmetic of Kindness charity for orphaned children.

Russian short film director Yuri Norstein — who has been called the best animator of all time — turned 80 this week, and Moscow's Illusion Cinema is showing his most famous works on Saturday.

Screenings of the haunting and atmospheric "Tale of Tales" (1979), "Hedgehog in the Fog" (1975), "The Battle of Kerzhenets" (1971), "The Fox and The Hare" (1973) and "The 25th, the First Day" (1968) start at 5.30 p.m., and after the show Norstein himself will sit down with the

audience to take questions.

The Illusion Cinema is located in the Stalinist skyscraper on Kotelnicheskaya Embankment. Tickets cost 300 rubles.

The Bloshinka Antiques Market comes to the Dom cultural centre near Novokuznetskaya metro station this weekend with its vintage collection of art, furniture and ornaments. On offer is Russian Imperial dishware, Bohemian glass and antique clothing. There is also a collection of Soviet-era items on sale.

If branded second-hand clothing is more your style, check out Eskimo Fest's Garage Sale of Marni, COS, Marc Jacobs, Zara, and pieces from other famous names for as little as 700 rubles.

There will also be new clothing, bags, and accessories from local brands, bloggers, and stylists. The Garage Sale will be held on September 18-19 next to Dmitrovskaya metro station.

Party animals can enjoy the last days of summer on Friday and Saturday with pub crawls around Moscow. The guided tours take in multiple pubs, clubs and bars located just a few minutes away from each other.

Friday's crawl radiates from Chistye Prudy metro station and on Saturday pub goers will get a taste of nightlife close to Kitay-Gorod station. The events also include quests and games. The fun starts at 8:30 pm, and attendance is 1599 rubles.

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