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Kateryna's pick this month:

"A story of success both inspiring and admirable, showing there is life even after war"

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Originally founded in 1999, What's On Kyiv is an English language monthly magazine with a goal to inform residents and visitors to Kyiv of events in the entertainment and cultural life of the city. As well as providing advice, guidance, and listings of live music, theatre, nightlife, sporting events and more, What's On also interacts with the

business community, both expatriate and local, and provides brief news articles on events of relevance to Kyiv and Ukraine and the wider region.

OUTPOST
PUBLISHING

From the Editor

Editor-in-Chief
Lana Nicole Niland



“The fact that we even have choice is a blessing, a boon, a gift – whatever you want to call it, it’s good”

Stress and the holidays seem to go hand-in-hand. What to buy whom? Which ugly Christmas sweater to wear? How much Olivier to make? Where to spend New Year? Whether to have that extra piece of Christmas pound cake (even though you know you’re going to regret it come January when you make yet another resolution to join the gym, pay for a membership, and then never go)? Though they each seem like a big deal at the time, they’re really not the biggest or hardest choices we’ll worry about in the year ahead, or even in the one we are in the middle of saying farewell to.

Whether or not we struggle to make the right one, choice in any case is a great thing. The fact that we even have choice is a blessing, a boon, a gift – whatever you want to call it, it’s good. I often tell people they always have a choice whenever I am sat down and enlightened about each of their problems. Often, their biggest problems are not unlike the small stresses that accompany this time of year. The truth is, we don’t know how good we have it, until that good is taken away, or, we get away with a visit from the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come.

It is why, every month, when I am sat at my computer, in my warm apartment, drinking my coffee just as I like it, comforted by the sound of a happily purring cat beside me, I am brought to near tears by the contribution of the WO eastern Ukraine correspondent, and this month seems especially poignant. While most of us will worry about making sure the creases are out of the good tablecloth – a worry I can relate to as we all want the holidays to be as perfect for our loved ones as possible, the worries of those living in the east are such that I can’t even imagine.

Will there be power? How much drinking water to leave in case there is a shortage? Where to go when the “fireworks” become too close?

We all have choices, it’s true. However the choices for some of us are made that much easier by our citizenship, our geography, and even for some of us our biology. This year, when you are ironing out the creases in your favourite tablecloth, or carving what will undoubtedly be a delicious turkey, if you do nothing else, send a thought to the frontline. There are a great many people who will not get to spend this time with their families, if they get to see them again at all. They are fighting for the freedoms of this great country – that’s their choice.

“Merry Christmas to us all and God bless us every one.”



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Starting a business in Ukraine is simple!

It's true, the business climate in Ukraine is still not terribly easy. However! Those investors with an appetite for risk and above-average returns are more than welcome to set up shop. Over the past several years, Ukraine has significantly improved its business incorporation and registration procedures, making them easier and more transparent.

MOST POPULAR FORMS

The most common corporate form of setting up a business in Ukraine is a Limited Liability Company (LLC). This is a company with authorised capital divided into participation interests (not shares) allotted to members pro rata to their contributions. No minimum authorised capital is required, however the capital declared at incorporation must be paid in within one year. The legal rules governing LLCs are expected to be reformed and improved in the near future, hopefully, making the use of such entities even more attractive.

Another corporate form for doing business in Ukraine is a private enterprise. This form is quite common as it is lightly regulated by Ukrainian law. Lack of regulation however can also result in legal uncertainties.

There are still more individuals in Ukraine who prefer operate their business as a private entrepreneur.

Large companies/investors can obviously opt for more complex forms, such as joint stock companies, but these are not usually suitable for small and mid-size businesses.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Ukraine has recently made it significantly easier to set up and register a company as well as get registered as an individual entrepreneur. The package of documents is relatively straightforward and information can be easily obtained at a notary's office or public registrar. For example, the list of documents for getting registered as an individual entrepreneur includes an application, passport, and a Ukrainian tax ID (which is also not difficult to obtain). Since an individual entrepreneur is registered at the place of his/her residence, a foreign individual may be required to show a temporary residence permit. Documents issued abroad must be legalised or apostilled at the place of issuance (depending on applicable rules).

The registration application package has to be filed with a state registrar or a notary who performs the equivalent function. It is expected that an online registration option will be available in the near future. The registration of a company usually takes one business day (except for joint stock companies where the procedure is more complex and requires issuance of shares and their registration with the securities regulator). There is no state fee for the registration of business.

ONE STOP SHOP

There is no need to separately file documents with the tax authorities, statistics authorities, or pension fund for their registries. The data contained in the state registry of companies and individual entrepreneurs will be exchanged with the respective registries. If your business needs a license or permissions, you have to apply for those separately, procedures for which are also becoming more transparent, easier to navigate, and faster.

OPENING BANK ACCOUNTS

Whether you operate via a company or as an individual entrepreneur, you will need to hold a bank account with a Ukrainian bank to conduct business. There are a number of foreign-owned banks in Ukraine, including representatives of large EU and US based banking groups. It may take from a few days to several weeks to open bank accounts depending on how quickly a bank carries out its know-your-client and anti-money laundering procedures.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Companies in Ukraine are no longer required to have corporate seals, and a corporate document may be signed by officers or authorised representatives. To employ a foreign national a Ukrainian company should have a work permit for him or her. In addition, a foreign national may obtain a residence permit (either temporary or permanent) for residing in Ukraine and entering and exiting Ukraine without limitations. There is also an investment based residency, such as if a foreign national incorporates a company in Ukraine and contributes EUR 100 000 into its authorised capital (to be confirmed when applying for residency). Accounting and tax reporting are important as well as proper legal support. These functions can be effectively outsourced in Ukraine.

Not The Ten Commandments

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We are excited to announce that this fall @s_vakarchuk joins us a visiting scholar! Follow us for the updates! buff.ly/2wkb0G7



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Michael McFaul & Lena Sotnyk

Someone had to do it. Someone had to finally stand up and list the things that are wrong in Ukraine and the litany of things that have still not been fixed four years after the Revolution of Dignity. In a recorded address from Stanford University, Svyotaslav Vakarchuk has thrown down a challenge to the current authorities, AND the opposition as well.

Vakarchuk is best known as the leader of legendary rock group Okean Elzy, but he's much more than that. He's an intellectual, a public figure respected nationwide, and an activist who's not afraid to voice his opinion. In the video address he sets out 10 demands related to the rule of law, state apparatus, and democracy in Ukraine. He says he doesn't have personal political ambitions, but he finishes his address by telling politicians from all sides, act on this, now, the clock is ticking...

Watch here (with English subtitles)



Tea and Politics II – Independence of Anti-Corruption Bodies – an Ultimatum of the West

My political novice protégée is making progress. Tea and politics with Oksana is becoming a less one-sided and more robust debate.

As we convene again in a Kyiv café we reflect on the fact that Ukraine still remains a popular topic for European discussion. However, the attention from the west is not just geopolitical. Ukraine is both an issue of principle importance for the US as a future European partner and also for Russia – as the beginning of its history and territory it considers as its own. Old Europe has an ambiguous attitude towards Ukraine – a focus on values (meaning freedom) on one hand and concerns about future perspectives on the other.

This is our second conversation to be published. That is due, in part, to the fact we passed our first publication without falling into conflict. We continue.

The most recent negotiations regarding Donbas between Kurt Volker and Vladyslav Surkov (or the Russian-American negotiation as referred to by media) are already a well-recorded failure; Volker called it a step back. Oksana and I debate if it was good or bad, although we had agreed these negotiations were the only forum that could produce a real outcome as Minsk is in deadlock – something that is clear for everyone – and not just the

parties involved.

I am convinced it was good. Oksana disagrees: if Russia would negotiate it would be possible for a ceasefire and an end to the war, she insists.

Why is this fraught talk good? Because there is no agreement between Russia and the US about abolishing sanctions, and to dismiss the topic of Crimea from the negotiation process is unacceptable for most Ukrainians.

Last month this dialogue was cut short and went full circle. Volker admitted there was no possibility of placing peacekeepers on war-torn territory without Russia's consent. Considering Kyiv's position, this consent seems unattainable.

Volker's statement in an interview with Politico followed this singular tone: The US should provide weapons to Ukraine for it to protect itself.

Oksana agrees but she remains excited by the idea of a ceasefire and control of Donbas overseen by peacekeepers. Ukrainian internal affairs also complicated things further this December. The conflict between anti-corruption agencies and the prosecutors' office spread beyond the borders of Ukraine. Oksana likes this because she is disillusioned by the level of corruption in the country. Western part-

ners support the idea of a corruption-free prosecutors' office and court. They don't hold back from strong statements when it comes to defending the independence of these institutions. Action taken against anti-corruption agencies has become a scandal for Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has been trying to prove to European leaders and the International Monetary Fund the independence of anti-corruption agencies is not under threat. Whether they believe Poroshenko or not depends on a number of things, including passing laws for a corruption free court. The scandal-mired anti-corruption agencies are getting more attention from Ukrainians, Oksana says. Even more, it directly affects the security of the country, I add. Oksana is more engaged. Tea and politics are growing on her.

Maka Janashia
Eastern European Reform Centre

Notes from the East

WO Eastern Ukraine correspondent

December: the temperature is below zero and it is snowing.

These words remind everyone of the winter holidays. Christmas, New Year's Eve – these are the most anticipated days for many people, and Ukrainians are no exception. As usual, people are in a hurry to buy presents, set up the Christmas tree, prepare delicious food and set it on the table. The whole world unites and rejoices at this time.

You might ask why I write this here? It's obvious, but what about the soldiers? What about the people who stand on the frontline, in the trenches? The answer is simple. They have the same feelings and wishes as you. They are just in another situation, where shoot-

ing and shelling happens every day. And as they say, they must be there to stand for Ukraine, to stand for European values, to protect their land against Russian aggression.

The holiday spirit dwells on the frontline too. But not completely. And how can it be possible if, earlier this month for instance, half of the city of Avdiivka lost power because of damage to the electrical line caused by shelling. People hear and see “fireworks” almost every day, and have been living with the stresses of war for three-and-a-half years already. Regardless, they buy their Christmas trees, they prepare their presents, they buy food for the holiday table and try to forget about the current situation, at least for the holidays.

It looks so strange and awesome when you see soldiers creating a festive atmosphere. Each position tries to find a small Christmas tree and set it up inside the trenches or fortified zones. They are decorated with toys, lights, bullets, and grenades. Yes, bullets and grenades. It has become a tradition, they say. If you ask them what their wishes are for the coming year, they answer as one: greetings to their families, mums and dads, kids, wives, grandparents, and friends. You can feel how they miss them. Then they send wishes to Ukraine, Ukrainians, and people in general. Kindness, health, prosperity, love, happiness – there is the sense that this is what they are here for, fighting for.



WO for the Holidays

THE COMMERCIALISM OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS, LIKE IT OR NOT, HERE TO STAY. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ARE NOW SYNONYMOUS WITH SPENDING MONEY. EVERY SHOP WINDOW VIES FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND PURCHASING POWER. WHAT'S ON OFFERS SOME TIPS ON HOW TO SHOP SMARTER AND SURVIVE.

Ksenia Karpenko

First, as Santa would do, make a list and check it twice – understand who's been naughty or nice. In all seriousness, shortlist alternatives for gift ideas, then go through the list and look at it from the perspective of those you are buying for. Sometimes it's not your husband who wants a new convection oven with all the bells and whistles, that's you. Likewise, your girlfriend probably isn't going to be over the moon with rechargeable batteries. You get the point. After a little due diligence you'll probably find the real list is not that long at all. And that's good – the fewer alternatives you have, the easier the choice.

When it comes to women, there's no better gift than a shopping spree. Be smart here and give a gift certificate – then you

can be sure the actual gift is something she wants. A gift certificate for a make-up and/or hairstyling is also an option. A gift certificate is also something that can work for guys who aren't shop-a-phobes!

At **#LOVEfp** womenswear fashion brand, you can grab a gift certificate either online or in-store. The Ukrainian brand offers hand-tailored designs and accessories with a glass of champagne while you shop. She will love it! The average price for a dress is 120 USD.

🌐 www.lovefp.com

If you don't know his or her beauty product preferences, a **Brocard** gift certificate is always an option. Brocard is Ukraine's oldest chain of beauty shops. Special for the season, they have 40% off everything online and in-store.

🌐 www.letu.ua

Cosmetology gift certificates are also a nice gift for anyone. **G-Bar** is great for ladies under 25, while women in their late 20s+ will appreciate the style of **Ruki-Nozhnitsi**, and both offer a wide range of beauty services. For the guys, get

in touch with **Chop-Chop** and grab a gift certificate for haircut, shave or trim of facial hair, while your man tosses back a glass of whiskey.

📌 [g.bar.kiev](https://www.facebook.com/g.bar.kiev)

🌐 www.ruki-nozhnitsi.com.ua

🌐 www.chopchop.ua

If a gift certificate just does not work for you, think of something fashionable every girl craves, but something that doesn't need specific tailoring. A boycap is a hot fashion trend this season and doesn't need fitting. Check out **Ruslan Baginskiy Hats and Cover Number One**.

📷 [@baginskiy_hats](https://www.instagram.com/baginskiy_hats)

🌐 www.covnumberone.ru

Another great way to make a gift unforgettable is to present an experience, and **Bodo** has this idea down pat. Here you can buy gifts that range from horse riding to chocolate massage! There are numerous master classes and weekend tours up for grabs, with prices that are very reasonable!

🌐 www.bodo.ua

Chocolate master classes are also widely popular at the moment, especially with top-notch Ukrainian chocolaterie **Lvivska Maysternya**. Book for a minimum of four people, with an average price per person starting at 250 UAH.

🌐 www.chocolate.lviv.ua

If romance is on your mind, take a bow and present him or her with dance classes at **Big Dance!** Cha-cha, rumba, or salsa will add to the Christmas atmosphere and may inspire a lasting passion!

🌐 www.bigdance.com.ua

Festive Gift Hunting

A Survival Guide

A Very Hipster Christmas

Lana Nicole Niland

THE HIPSTER CRAZE WAS SLOW TO REALLY CATCH ON HERE IN KYIV, AND NOT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE GUMPTION. WITH FACIAL HAIR, FLANNEL SHIRTS, AND BEAT-UP OLD CONS CAUSING A STIR ACROSS THE CAPITAL, DON'T LET FOMO STRIKE – GET INTO THE GROOVE AND GO CRAY CRAY THIS CHRISTMAS.

DECORATE WITH PURPOSE

Head to Radio Rynok and invest in a few first model Nokia phones. Tie pretty ribbons from last year's gifts through the slit at the top and use as this year's decorations. And! Don't forget your yolka! Only this year, leave the tree in the forest and garland up a standing lamp or ladder instead.

DRINK WITH DISTINCTION

There is nothing like creating, and that means your homemade hooch. Let's rename it though to give it a moniker slightly more refined, such as, let's say, oohhh, a bitter. Bitter is a Brit term for a type of beer, but can also be herbal preparations used in cocktails. Make your own and you will be the talk of the town at this year's Christmas part-ay!

SING BY YOURSELF

While Christmas music sounds through every speaker in nearly every shopping mall this year, forgo the holiday spirit and jam out to an esoteric selection of tunes from your dad's vinyl collection.

*** Important: pay little to no attention to the looks of amusement from passersby.*

GO GLUTEN-FREE

Say bye-bye to Turkey and so-long stuffing – go gluten-free vegan this year with servings from your local food truck in Shevchenko Park. There, you're sure to run into other such like-minded individuals where you can instantly upload Instagram photos of your Christmas dinner and then print them out on their Instagram Printer.



CELEBRATE THE DAY

While 25 December might be a holiday here this year, you're going to want to celebrate a couple of days ahead of the curve. Festivus occurs on 23 December and is a great alternative to the pressures and commercialism of the holiday season. Air your grievances and then go around calling easily explained occurrences as Festivus miracles – you'll never have a better holiday.

NOTHING SAYS FROM ME TO YOU, AND MEANS IT, LIKE THESE GIFTS FOR A HIPSTER

CARDS FOR HUMANITY

An online PC version of the popular card game, only in that it gives you the opportunity to donate to children while laughing at how despicable you and your friends really are.

🌐 cfh.io/#/

RECYCLED PAPER NOTEBOOK

Save the planet and your uneasy relationships with your pubescing teens by giving a gift that says you care about both. A notebook with recycled paper enclosed by leather the colour of cognac from cows that were grass-fed and got to put their feet up every night.

🌐 www.podveski.com.ua

WHISKEY STONES

Freeze 'em, then drop 'em into your glass of room temperature whiskey to bring it down that ideal one degree. Of course, you'll need to drink quick in order to keep it at that temp, but your glass will never look cooler (and neither will you).

🌐 www.tops.ua

PHOTO FRAMES

Know someone with an Instagram account? It's likely they've posted a photo or two (hundred) of dinner at some point. And if they're really old school, they'll totally appreciate a place to put their favourite. Grab one or go for the gold and grab a few, they interlock! Neat, huh...?

🌐 www.multiramka.com.ua

A HAMMOCK

Because, well, who doesn't just need to sit back and chill every once in awhile.

🌐 www.rozetka.com.ua

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HOLIDAY ATTRIBUTES

Christmas Jazz Songs – Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald (Pavel Ignatyev Quartet)

📅 20 and 25 December at 19.00

📍 House of Architects (Borys Hrinchenko 7)

What is better for the holidays than enjoying the musical genius of some of the best-known jazz artists of all time? Along with their favourite hits, Christmas carols and songs such as White Christmas, Let It Snow, and Silent Night will round out the evening, all brought to you by maestro Pavel Ignatyev and his quartet, along with Anyanya Udongwo and Kemi Oke. Come and enjoy!

📞 225-400UAH

🌐 concert.ua

Banderas Blues Band (blues)

📅 15 December at 22.00

📍 Docker's ABC (Khreshchatyk 15/4)

📞 100-750 UAH

📌 dockersabc

Oxxymiron (RU, grime)

📅 16 December at 19.00

📍 Palace of Sports (Sportyvna Sq 1)

📞 349-899 UAH

🌐 spalace.com.ua

Vera Polozkova – in high resolution (RU, poetry with musical accompaniment)

📅 16 December at 19.00

📍 Palace of Culture and Arts NTUU

“KPI” (Pr Pobedy 37)

📞 500-650 UAH

🌐 concert.ua

Assai – presentation of new album (RU, hip-hop)

📅 17 December at 19.00

📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)

📞 300-1 200 UAH

🌐 atlas37.com

The Erised (futurepop)

📅 17 December at 20.00

📍 Sentrum (Shota Rustaveli 11)

📞 220-560 UAH

🌐 www.sentrum.com.ua

Zveroboy (pop)

📅 19 December at 20.00

📍 Sentrum (Shota Rustaveli 11)

📞 100-400 UAH

🌐 www.sentrum.com.ua

New Year Music Platform

📅 19-20 December at 19.00

📍 Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

📞 400-2 600 UAH

🌐 www.palace-ukraine.com

Sergey Babkin (jazz, reggae)

📅 20 December at 19.00

📍 Budynok Kino (Saksahanskoho 6)

📞 450-800 UAH

🌐 www.ukrkino.com.ua

Best Ukrainian Metal Act 2017

📅 23 December at 17.00

📍 Bingo (Pr Pobedy 112)

📞 150-300 UAH

🌐 www.bingo.ua

Voanerges (live, jazz-folk fusion)

📅 24 December at 20.00

📞 FREE

📍 Ostannya Barykada (Maidan Nezalezhnosti 1)

📌 ostannya.barykada.kyiv

Khrin (rock)

📅 28 December at 21:00

📍 Docker ABC (Khreshchatyk 15/4)

📞 100 UAH

📌 dockersabc

Max Tavrishesky (live, blues)

📅 29 December at 20.00

📍 Vatra (Horodetskoho 4b)

📞 FREE

📌 vatra.kyiv

ROCK YOU! (rock)

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 Docker ABC (Khreshchatyk 15/4)

📞 350-3 900 UAH

📌 dockersabc

Tina Karol (pop, soul)

📅 31 December at 19.00

📍 Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

📞 200-2 250 UAH

🌐 www.palace-ukraine.com

Lyapis 98 (BY, rock)

📅 1 January at 19.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

📞 450-2 500 UAH

🌐 www.caribbean.com.ua

Oleg Skrypka (live)

📅 06 January at 19.00

📍 Freedom Event Hall (Kyrylivska 134)

📞 call for details

🌐 www.freedomhall.com.ua

New Happiness feat Julia Roma (acoustic jazz Christmas performance)

📅 7 January at 20.00

📍 Ostannya Barykada (Maidan Nezalezhnosti 1)

📞 FREE

📌 ostannya.barykada.kyiv

Joe Cocker Tribute (blues, rock, soul)

📅 12 January at 19.00

📍 Central House of Officers (Hrushevskoho 30/1)

📞 130-650 UAH

📌 central.house.of.officers

Ukrainian carols and dances

📅 12 January at 20.00

📍 Ostannya Barykada (Maidan Nezalezhnosti 1)

📞 FREE

📌 ostannya.barykada.kyiv

VERBAL NAPALM

Max Korzh (BY, hip-hop, ska, rap, electropop)

📅 23 December at 19.00

📍 Palace of Sports (Sportyvna Sq 1)

He pumps out the beats but with an every-increasing pressure - that's how this Belarusian hip-hop artist has oft been described. Getting his start at home with his guitar, now this daredevil fires out hits in concert halls, clubs, and even stadiums. His song Live it Up says a lot about this musician and is a motto Max himself lives by. Sink into his soul, and feel the beat; the frenzy takes place on 23 December.

📞 499-1 499 UAH

🌐 concert.ua





Winter World

📅 9 December – 14 January
 📍 International Expo Centre (Akademika Hlushkova 1)
 💰 799 UAH
 🌐 karabas.com/festivals

Ice Age Festival

📅 15 December – 31 January
 📍 Spivache Pole (Lavrska 33)
 💰 50 UAH
 🌐 kiev.karabas.com/lodovikovij-period-na-spivochomu-poli

Nalivka Fest

📅 16-17 December at 12.00-22.00
 📍 International Expo Centre (Akademika Hlushkova 1)
 💰 50 UAH
 📌 events/2010784005820514

New Year Fairytale

📅 16-17, 19, 23-24, 30 December, 2-8, 13-14 January
 📍 Kyivcka Rus Park
 💰 50-150 UAH
 🌐 parkkyivrus.com

HeoGod on Sofiivska

📅 19 December – 14 January
 📍 Sofiivksa Pl
 💰 From 30 UAH

Metropolitan Christmas Festival

📅 13 January at 14.00-20.00
 📍 Poshtova Pl
 💰 FREE
 📌 events/129619561081785

Rebel in the Rye (2017, biography, drama)

📅 19, 21, 23, 24 December
 📍 Kinopanorama (Shota Rustaveli 19)
 The life of celebrated but reclusive author, J.D. Salinger, who gained worldwide fame with the publication of his novel, *The Catcher in the Rye*.
 💰 50-80 UAH
 🌐 www.kinopanorama.com.ua

Crooked House (2017, crime, drama)

📅 15-27 December
 📍 Zhovten (Kostyantynivska 26)
 In Agatha Christie's most twisted tale, a spy-turned-private-detective is lured by his former lover to catch her grandfather's murderer before Scotland Yard exposes dark family secrets.
 💰 45-95 UAH
 🌐 www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua

animation

Ferdinand (2017, animation, comedy)

📅 23-25 December
 📍 Zhovten (Kostyantynivska 26)
 After Ferdinand, a bull with a big heart, is mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure.
 💰 80-100 UAH
 🌐 www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua



NEW BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL

In original language with Ukrainian subtitles

📅 13-20 December
 📍 Kiev Kino (V Vasylkivska 19)
 The 17th New British Film Festival are showcasing here in Kyiv, in celebration of the British Council and their 25 years in Ukraine.
 💰 175 UAH
 🌐 www.kievkino.com.ua

Tuesday Evenings at Cinema Citi

📅 Every Tuesday at 19.00
 📍 Cinema Citi (Ocean Plaza, Antonovycha 176)
 English language movies show every Tuesday at Cinema Citi in Ocean Plaza. New and old titles alike feature. Popcorn + the silver screen = a good outing.
 💰 120 UAH
 🌐 www.cinemaciti.ua



UKRAINE'S WORLD #1 SHVETS WINS TWO PARA TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENTS

IWAS World Games in Portugal and European Open in Bulgaria

Ukraine's #1-ranked Para taekwondo fighter Anton Shvets returns home with two gold medals after besting the competition at the IWAS World Games in Vila Real de Santo Antonio, Portugal and the European Open in Sofia, Bulgaria this month. The 2015 world champion is sure to increase his lead in the men's under-75kg K43 division over Kazakhstan's Nurlan Dombayev, who beat the Ukrainian at the world championships in October. The top two ranked fighters in the division gain automatic qualification to the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, where the sport will be making its debut. Compatriot Vika Marchuk, the reigning world champion and #1-ranked fighter in the women's under-49kg K43 division, also captured gold at the European Open.
 🌐 www.worldtaekwondo.org/news/para-news

Budivelnyk Kyiv – Ukrainian SuperLeague Basketball

📅 23 December – home to Cherkasy Mavpy
 📅 11 January – away at BC Zaporizhziya
 📅 13 January – away at MBC Mykolaiv
 📍 Kyiv Palace of Sports (Sportivna Pl 1)
 🌐 www.budivelnyk.ua

Biathlon World Cup

📅 2-7 January in Oberhof, Germany
 📅 9-14 January in Ruhpolding, Germany
 🌐 www.biathlonworld.com



HARD TO BE AN ANGEL

Empire of the Angels (UA, drama, Visavi Theatre)

📅 **22 December at 20.00**

📍 *Kinopanorama (Shota Rustaveli 19)*

Deep in our hearts, many of us believe in a higher power that protects and supports us during turbulent times. Surely there must be a personal guardian angel who does everything possible – and impossible – to ward off bad luck as we go? Want to know what it takes to keep us mere mortals protected and alive? Take in *Empire of the Angels* – a play based on Bernard Werber's worldwide bestseller. Bringing this novel to stage is a sensational experiment you will definitely enjoy.

🎫 Tickets: 150-350 UAH

🌐 vizavi.in.ua

The Lady-Ghost

Cloak-and-sword comedy in 2 acts

📅 **16, 17 December at 19.00**

📍 *Koleso Kyiv Academic Theatre (Andriivskyi Descent 8)*

🎫 Tickets: 180 UAH

🌐 teatr-koleso.kiev.ua

Relationship Happens

Performance in English

📅 **17 December at 19.00**

📍 *ProEnglish Theatre Hub (Smolenska 3)*

🎫 Tickets: 100 UAH

🌐 proenglishtheatre.com

The Dearest People Who Can Say Something...

Verbatim (documentary theatre)

📅 **17 December at 17.00**

📍 *Actor Theatre (Velyka Zhytomyrska 40)*

🎫 Tickets: 200-400 UAH

🌐 teatr-aktor.kiev.ua

Virsky National Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

Show featuring over 100 performers

📅 **18 December at 19.00**

📍 *Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)*

🎫 Tickets: 50-1 000 UAH

🌐 palace-ukraine.com

Early in the Morning

Play performed before work

📅 **19 December at 7.00**

📍 *Theatre of the Absurd. Rostok Palace of Culture (Harmatna 26/2)*

🎫 Tickets: 200 UAH

🌐 kiev.karabas.com

Kutaisi. Georgian State Song and Dance Ensemble (GE)

Music and dance show

📅 **20 December at 19.00**

📍 *October Palace (Instytutska 1)*

🎫 Tickets: 150-900 UAH

🌐 icca.kiev.ua

Music for Kings, Baroque Masterpieces

In programme: Bach, Handel, Platti, Fritz, Benda

📅 **21 December at 19.00**

📍 *House of Actor (Yaroslaviv Val 7)*

🎫 Tickets: 50-100 UAH

🌐 actorhall.com.ua

Our Schoolmates

Scandalous play

📅 **22 December at 19.00**

📍 *Stage 6 (Vasylkivska 1)*

🎫 Tickets: 150-300 UAH

🌐 scene6

Chaos. Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown

Modern comedy

📅 **22 December at 19.00**

📍 *House of Officers (Mykhaila Hrushevskoho 30/1)*

🎫 Tickets: 175-450 UAH

🌐 cbo.org.ua

Strauss in Operetta

New Year concert

📅 **22, 23 December at 19.00**

📍 *Kyiv Academic Operetta Theatre (V Vasylkivska 53/3)*

🎫 Tickets: 90-500 UAH

🌐 operetta.com.ua

Winter Evening with Classical Music

Festive concert

📅 **23, 24 December at 19.00**

📍 *Kyiv Conservatory (Arkhitektora Horodetskoho 1-3/11)*

🎫 Tickets: 100-450 UAH

🌐 knmau.com.ua

Christmas Classical Music Night

Festive concert

📅 **24, 25, 26 December at 19.00**

📍 *Ivan Franko Ukrainian Drama Theatre (Ivana Franka 3)*

🎫 Tickets: 300-1 550 UAH

🌐 ft.org.ua

Christmas Eve

Show based on Gogol's works

📅 **25 December at 19.00**

📍 *October Palace (Instytutska 1)*

🎫 Tickets: 230-490 UAH

🌐 icca.kiev.ua

A Thousand Lights

New Year show, classical music and jazz

📅 **30 December at 20.00**

📍 *Palace Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)*

🎫 Tickets: 200-2 550 UAH

🌐 palace-ukraine.com

The Nutcracker

Classical ballet in 2 acts

📅 **30, 31 December, 2-5 January at 12.00, 19.00**

📍 *National Opera of Ukraine (Volodymyrska 50)*

🎫 Tickets: 20-2 000 UAH

🌐 opera.com.ua

Ukraine's Main New Year's Eve Night!

Show featuring leading Ukrainian actors and pop stars

📅 **31 December at 22.00**

📍 *Freedom Event Hall (Kyrylivska 134)*

🎫 Tickets: 12 000-20 000 UAH

🌐 freedomhall.com.ua

Love. Drugs. Chanson

A star's confession. Based on Edith Piaf's memoirs, play in 2 acts

📅 **7 January at 19.00**

📍 *New Ukrainian Theatre, lower stage (Mykhailivska 24b)*

🎫 Tickets: 180 UAH

🌐 nut.kiev.ua

Honeymoon

Black Square Theatre production

📅 **10 January at 19.30**

📍 *Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)*

🎫 Tickets: 120-520 UAH

🌐 caribbean.com.ua

Vocal Zone

Acapella festival named after Mykhnovetsky

📅 **13 January at 18.00**

📍 *Kyiv Conservatory (Arkhitektora Horodetskoho 1-3/11)*

🎫 Tickets: 250-690 UAH

🌐 knmau.com.ua

The Nutcracker

Kyiv Modern Ballet

📅 **13 January at 19.00**

📍 *October Palace (Instytutska 1)*

🎫 Tickets: 200-750 UAH

🌐 icca.kiev.ua

Shchedryk, Ukrainian Christmas carols

Concert featuring Volyn Folk Choir

📅 **14 January at 19.30**

📍 *National Opera of Ukraine (Volodymyrska 50)*

🎫 Tickets: 100-660 UAH

🌐 opera.com.ua

Art & Family | December 17 - January 18



DREAM GUARDIANS

Christmas 3D show

📅 16 December – 13 January at 12.00

📍 VDNH concert hall (Akademika Hlushkova 1)

Some of the country's most talented dancers, acrobats, and gymnasts come together to put on a rather spectacular show starting this week! In addition to the visual talent, including some fabulous 3D technology, the show's soundtrack was written by Pianoboy's Dmytro Shurov. Don't miss it – it will make you believe once again in Christmas wonders.

🎫 190-2499 UAH

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St Mykola Day

Festival for children of all ages

📅 19 December at 15.00

📍 Ivan Honchar Museum (Lavrska 19)

🎫 Free

📱 honcharmuseum

The Night Before Christmas

Theatre performance

📅 25 December at 19.00

📍 October Palace (Institutska 1)

🎫 230-420 UAH

🌐 www.icca.kiev.ua

Christmas Kidnapper

Performance for kids

📅 29 December – 8 January at 11.00

📍 National Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

🎫 130-300 UAH

🌐 palace-ukraine.com

Cinderella and Shadow Theatre

📅 30 December at 11.00

📍 Ukrainian House (Khreshchatyk 2)

🎫 150-350 UAH

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LIGHTS AND JOY ON SOFIIVSKA SQUARE

Ukraine's Christmas Tree

📅 19 December - 14 January

📍 Sofiivska and Mykhaylivska Squares

Joy lights up Kyiv's favourite city squares, where thousands of lights imitating the starry sky will signal festivity central, starting 19 December. Add to this ice sculptures, a snow slide, a traditional Christmas street market, and so much good food, you'll find yourself coming back again and again to maintain that holiday mood.

🎫 30-100 UAH

The Snow Queen

Musical for kids

📅 2 January at 11.00

📍 House of Artists (Sichovykh Striltsiv 1-5)

🎫 90-320 UAH

🌐 www.dvnshu.com

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VOLUME OF COLOR

Exhibition of paintings by Anastasiya Krayneva

📅 7 December – 4 February

📍 Lera Litvinova Gallery (Kiltseva 14)

Winter is a season without much colour, when cities blur into a gray muddy landscape. Passionate vibrant paintings by Anastasiya Krayneva depicting beautiful romantic worlds come alive on the walls of the Litvinova Gallery this month, just in time for the cool crisp winter season.

🌐 www.litvinova.com

Boychukism

Exhibition of art

📅 7 December – 28 January

📍 Mystetsky Arsenal (Lavrska 10-12)

🌐 www.artarsenal.in.ua

Charisma of Iran

Exhibition of Persian art

📅 1 December – 2 February

📍 Khanenko Museum of Western and Oriental Art (Tereshchenkivska 15-17)

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Solemnity

Exhibition of works by Vlada Ralko

📅 29 November – 30 December

📍 Ya Gallery (Voloska 55/57)

🌐 www.yagallery.com

Trauma

Installation by Lera Litvinova

📅 1-30 December

📍 American House (Pyromonka 6)

🌐 www.litvinova.com

Selfportrait. Winter Sky. Reflection

Photographic project by Mikhalina

Khendriks (Poland)

📅 13 – 21 December

📍 Pavlovka Art Gallery (Petrovavil'ska 34A)

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LET US NOT FALL ASLEEP WHILE WALKING

Exhibition of photographic works by David Denil (Belgium)

📅 21 December – 21 January

📍 Voloshyn Gallery (Tereshchenkivska 13)

One hundred thirty-seven photographic works, presented by Belgian artist David Denil, correspond with the number of victims from the mass shooting on Maidan in February 2014. Working in Ukraine for 50 days following the tragic event, the artist spoke to people about conflict, reflecting on their experience through his artistic lens.

🌐 voloshyngallery.art

TAW (The Alchemical Wedding) – festival of underground music

📅 15-17 December

📍 TBA

💰 300-500 UAH

📱 THEALCHEMICALWEDDING

The Kum Stand Up Comedy Show (in English)

📅 15 December at 17.30

📍 Buena Vista (Velyka Zhytomyrska 8/14)

💰 FREE

📱 buenavista.kyiv

The Rave Must Go On w Tocadisco (GE)

📅 15 December at 22.00

📍 Forsage (Harmatna 51A)

💰 women 60 UAH men 80 UAH

🌐 www.forsageclub.com.ua

Portraits Episode #2 with DJ Maceo Plex (US, Ellum)

📅 16 December at 23.00

📍 CHI by Decadence House (Parkova 16a)

📞 call for enquiries

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Brawther (FR)

📅 16-17 December at 23.55

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoirkiwska 31)

📞 call for details

📱 closerkiev

Noize MC

📅 20 December at 19.00

📍 Forsage (Harmatna 51A)

💰 490 – 1 150 UAH

🌐 www.forsageclub.com.ua

A Christmas Story feat DJ Hornet Klark (tropical house)

📅 23 December at 22.00

📍 Sklad (Bessarabska 2)

💰 FREE

🌐 www.sklad.business.site

New Year Castle of Ice and Flame

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 Saxon (Trutenko 4)

💰 women 100-200 UAH, men 150-250 UAH

📱 SaxonClubKiev

Hollywood New Year

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 Loft Bar (Besarabskaya Pl 2)

💰 1 500 UAH

📱 loftbarkiev

New Year with DJ Pete Oak (DE)

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 Skybar (Arena City, V Vasylkivska 5)

💰 early bird: women 100-200 UAH, men 500-700 UAH

🌐 www.skybar.ua



NY NIGHT FEAT SPACETRAVEL (GE) + MANY OTHER FANTASTIC PERFORMANCES

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoirkiwska 31)

When it comes to partying, Closer is the place to be. The venue was recently featured in Resident Advisor rounding out the list of 20 most unique nightclubs you can find anywhere in Europe, Asia, and the US. Combine this with New Year's Eve, one of the biggest celebrations on the Ukrainian calendar, and you've got the makings of a pretty fantastic night out. But, tread carefully! Events at Closer are not for the fainthearted!!

📞 check for details

📱 closerkiev



CARIBBEAN JAZZ DINNER SHOW: FREEDOM JAZZ

📅 21 December at 20.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

Wave goodbye to the old year and prepare yourself for what is soon to come with 2017's final performance from the unique Freedom Jazz Orchestra - ENCORE! The show will combine theatrical performance with an excellent at-

mosphere and high-quality music. The Freedom Jazz girls deliver nothing short of pure entertainment, this year they had 9 shows sell out with tickets that were bought in a few days. For real talent and unique showmanship, get yourself to Caribbean Club this Christmas and enjoy the show!

💰 590-1 590 UAH

☎ +38 067 224 4111

Comic-Con New Year's Eve Party

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 Sklad (Bessarabska 2)

📞 call for details

🌐 www.sklad.business.site

New Year's Eve with Adriatique (DYNAMIC, SIAMESE, ZURICH)

📅 31 December at 22.00

📍 CHI by Decadence House (Parkova 16a)

💰 600 UAH

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Salsa Night

📅 11 January at 20.00

📍 Shooters (Moskovska 22)

💰 women FREE, men 50 UAH

☎ +38 063 444 4622

Winter Wonderland

📅 11 January at 20.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

💰 150-550 UAH

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Masquerade Party

📅 13-14 January at 23.55

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoirkiwska 31)

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A Veteran of Pizza and so much more

Kateryna Kyselyova

“SI VIS PACEM, PARA BELLUM” – IT TRANSLATES AS “IF YOU WANT PEACE, PREPARE FOR WAR”. THIS LATIN SLOGAN IS EMBLAZONED IN FULL VIEW OF EVERYONE WHO COMES TO VETERANO PIZZA, A PIZZERIA FOUNDED BY ATO VETERAN LEONID OSTALTSEV TWO YEARS AGO. IT MARKED AN UNEASY RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

Ostaltsev saw war at close quarters – he enrolled to volunteer in a service battalion in 2014 and fought as a gunner in the hottest spots of Donbas. Prior, he used to be a pizza-maker and dreamed of one day becoming a restaurateur. War intervened before he came full circle.

LOOKING FOR NORMAL

We meet Ostaltsev one afternoon at Veterano Resto – a new eatery opened under the Veterano brand next door to Veterano Pizza.

In his black fleece jacket and with his thick beard he looks imposing, but his voice is soft and quiet: “One day my friend came to me saying he left his job after punching his boss in the face. He could not work there any more – no one trusted him after he had been to war. I’d heard dozens of stories like that: veterans coming back to peaceful cities to see that nothing had changed, while they had changed so much. That day I decided to start a pizzeria and hire veterans to help myself and guys like me to return to normal life.”

To open his pizzeria Ostaltsev had 50 USD in his pocket, another 100 USD he received from an entrepreneur in the US, who later became his friend. Next came refusals from 22 investors and finally one who agreed to back him. The first iteration of Veterano Pizza opened in Metrograd beneath Besarabska Square. Since then Ostaltsev has parted company with his initial investor, moved to a new location and got a loan of 1.7 million UAH to open Veterano Resto.

To work here a veteran doesn’t need to have specific experience: “I taught the guys to make pizza, now they teach the newcomers. We also have two psychologists coming for individual and group meetings with employees, but the most important thing is that we support each other – we could never speak of the war



Veterano pizzamakers Ihor and Borys

with civilians in the same way we do with each other. There are things only veterans understand.”

IF I COME BACK ALIVE...

We sneak to the kitchen of Veterano, where Ihor takes out a diavola pizza from the stove and cuts it skillfully with a pizza knife. “We mix Italian and Ukrainian products in our pizza,” he says, pointing at a huge sack of Italian flour and piles of the Ukrainian milled equivalent, “to create the dough we take corn flour – it adds a crispy texture”. This 31-year-old, who smiles so widely the lines crinkle around his eyes lending him an air of worldliness, used to command more than a dozen artillery soldiers in Donbas in 2015. He has the time down pat - one year, two months and four days serving in the ATO zone. He recalls the most difficult weeks occurred in the Svitlodarska Duha region: “We had tasks every night. We discussed it in the evening. I gave orders to my guys and felt a tremendous level of adrenaline – it’s like a lottery, you don’t know what is going to happen in the next couple of hours. It was not fear, I suppose it was the alarm of a person facing the unknown.” Coming home after war, Ihor did not want to return to his

previous job in the press-centre of a state institution. “We were eating pizza at Veterano on Besarabka once and I joked with my comrades if I come back alive I should come and work here.”

NOT EVERYONE HAS TO GO TO WAR

“Be careful, don’t hit the ceiling with your head, you haven’t finished the sauce yet, we still need you,” - says the chef to a guy doing pull-ups on the horizontal bar installed in the corridor of Veterano Resto. Chef Ihor is the only civilian here. He will work with veterans for two months to launch a new menu.

His subordinate Borys in a black kitchen jacket and camouflage apron is busy preparing veal. He is 25 and a trained cook. He went to war as a volunteer in 2015 and fought for seven months in the Luhansk region in the special forces. To tell his story he takes a cigarette break.

“I went to war in the times of the so-called armistice, but I can tell you it was the greatest horror of my life – the first three weeks I lived in total fear. The same fear I felt coming back to Kyiv. I was lost and extremely aggressive at the same time, and then one thought calmed me down: not everyone has to go to war. For there are still guys fighting over there, the rest of the country can live normal lives, go to work, hang out at nightclubs. I wanted to get a job and saw an announcement on Facebook from Veterano – ‘We are looking for superheroes!’ I met Leonid, told him about myself and that I had no experience in cooking. ‘You’re a machine gunner, so am I, come to work tomorrow,’ he said, so I’m here.”

Working among guys who experienced war as he did, Borys has finally found a sense of ease. He is happily married and he and his wife just welcomed a new baby. However, trauma lingers and he still avoids crowded places like the metro and street markets.

Veterano Pizza
Veterano Resto
📍 (Sofivska 8)
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Veterano Coffee
📍 (V Vasylkivska 85-87)



Coming to Veterano Resto on a Friday evening, What's On finds the place packed: veterans in camouflage and civilians dine, enjoying the stylish interior and succulent steaks. From one small pizzeria, the project has expanded to two eateries in Kyiv, another pizzeria in Dnipro, plus almost 10 Veterano Coffee street spots. Veterano Pizza remains the only Ukrainian restaurant to get coverage in The New York Times. It didn't go down well and these veterans have no time to mince words. "We messed up with them," Ostaltsev says. "They wrote Crimea is a disputed territory, so we told them to go to hell."

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I GOT SUNSHINE

Upark featuring Gorillaz (UK, art-pop)

📅 25 July at 16.00

📍 Friendship of Nations Arch

Despite the cool winter season, Kyiv promises summer will return, and with it happy people bouncing to the beats of UK art-pop sensation Gorillaz. Created in 1998, this virtual four-some has been finding fame in all corners with hits like *Clint Eastwood*, *Tomorrow Comes Today*, and *Feel Good Inc.* In reality, the man behind the music is Blur Frontman Damon Albarn, who will be joining the UPark Festival in July 2018. A list of the artists joining him will be released in the coming months. Get ready for the summer.

☎ 998-2 380 UAH

🌐 www.concert.ua



TIMES ARE A CHANGING

Thirty Seconds to Mars (US, rock, post-grunge)

📅 30 April at 20.00

📍 Palace of Sport (Sportyvna Sq 1)

Mars isn't terribly close, but this American rock trio can definitely help you get there. Headed by sex symbol and mod Jared Leto, Thirty Seconds to Mars will be playing tunes from their newest album *Walk On Water*, which features songs about the struggles and upheavals of everyday people in the US. It's a reality most of us here in Ukraine relate to, with our own independence constantly coming into question. It's going to be good. Get a ticket.

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Love Happens Twice (UA, comedy, Black Square Improvisation Theatre Studio)

📅 31 January at 19.30

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

What if you haven't got over your first love when the second love has struck you with its arrow? You end up trapped in a love quadrangle, involving two men and two women trying to figure out what to do with their passion. It is a nice winter night comedy fused with sentiment and intrigue – Black Square (Chorny Kvadrat) masterly tackles serious issues using wit and humour. Part of the popular series *Before and After Sex*, the play will move you with an honest and frank story.

☎ 120-520 UAH

🌐 artkvadrat.com



GOING TO THE TOP

Usyk in World Boxing Super Series Semis

📅 27 January

📍 Riga, Latvia

Ukraine's 2012 Olympic hero and WBO cruiserweight champion Oleksandr Usyk (13-0-0, 11 KOs) will fight Latvia's Mairis Briedis (23-0, 18 KOs) on 27 January in Riga, Latvia in one semifinal of the inaugural World Boxing Super Series. Usyk defended his WBO belt for the third time by knocking out Germany's former world champion Marco Huck in the quarter-finals. Briedis fought past Cuba's Mike Perez in a unanimous decision at home in Riga to set-up the fight with the favoured Usyk. On the other side of the draw, Cuban WBA cruiserweight champion Yunier Dorticos will face the winner of the Murat Gassiev (IBF cruiserweight champion) and Krzysztof Wlodarczyk (former IBF and WBC champion) fight. The tournament winner will unify all of the cruiserweight belts and take home the lion's share of the \$50 million purse.

🌐 www.worldboxingsuperseries.com

UNIQUELY UNCLASSICAL

2Cellos (HR/SI, pop, rock)

📅 27 May 2018 at 19.00

📍 Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

This classically-trained Croatian – Slovenian cellist duo are making their first trip to Kyiv this spring. Playing on eight strings between them, you're sure to delight in their unusual but certainly agreeable symbiosis of well-known pop and rock compositions from typically classical instruments. Just into their 30s, Luke and Stepan are disturbing the Kyiv billboard – won't you join them?

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WHAT'S ON

www.whatson-kyiv.com

What About the Guys

Paul Niland



Pajero

The Legendary

DEBUTING AT THE TOKYO MOTOR SHOW IN 1973, THE MITSUBISHI PAJERO HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A VERY LONG TIME, MAKING IT ALMOST AS OLD AS ME. BUT WHEREAS I WAKE EVERY MORNING FEELING ALL OF MY 45 YEARS, THERE IS NOTHING OLD OR OUTDATED ABOUT THIS BEAST.

The modern car industry is something really quite remarkable. As different manufacturers compete for our dollars, there really is no such thing as a “bad” car. The days of bad cars were probably left behind when Skoda (which used to be terrible) was bought out by Volkswagen many years back. As such, whenever we test-drive a vehicle, it’s hard to balance the good, the bad, and the ugly. Instead, we are faced with the challenge to write what we can about the individual, and generally all good, features of any particular car.

IT’S NOT ONLY ABOUT SIZE

Let me start with a clarification. The correct name for this particular car is the Mitsubishi Pajero Sport. It’s the “Sport” part that needs to be looked at. This is not a sporty car as we would normally use the term. As I understand, the name is used to differentiate this slightly smaller model from the behemoth that is the full-sized Pajero giant. As this one is a little smaller, it gets the “sport” badge. To avoid any confusion, however, this isn’t a small car either, far from it.

The moment I climb in the first thing that strikes me is its size, which is a good feeling: it’s safe and it’s going to take you and all of your family, pets, and luggage from point A to point B in comfort and safety. As I hit the road the feeling of safety is further enhanced by the ride height. With the Pajero

being elevated compared to most other cars on the road, the feeling from up there is commanding: your view of the road and the traffic conditions ahead is definitely superior. Now, if Kyiv drivers would learn to pay more attention to the road and traffic conditions ahead that would be a good thing, but that’s another story.

Of course there are issues when size can bring difficulties, like, having to move a car this large around in tight confines. Mitsubishi have got you covered here, and modern technology makes light work out of a potentially difficult situation. Having a reversing camera on a vehicle is not new of course, but the Pajero is equipped with something way more state of the art than just a camera. As soon as the gear selector hits “R”, the (touch screen) centrally mounted display splits into two images: on the left is the standard camera view. On the right however, computer generated by an array of sensors all over the car, is an image which can only be described as having your own personal drone flying exactly two metres above the vehicle, giving you the



WHAT'S ON RATING

Technology

5/5

Performance

4/5

Design

4.5/5

(testing it in the snow would probably have given a higher score)

perfect (literal) overview of everything you need to consider in every direction around the car. A very apt use of technology, in a very good car.

MITSUBISHI PAJERO SPORT

Stats for the Boys

- ✓ 2.4L – four cylinder – turbo diesel engine
- ✓ Eight-speed automatic transmission
- ✓ Centre and rear differentials, paddle shifts, and dual-range four-wheel drive

Pros for the Girls

- ✓ Third row of seating: great for packing all the kids – and their friends – in for all sorts of road trips
- ✓ 5-star safety rating and class-leading CO₂ emissions
- ✓ Fabulous infotainment package



Hours in Singapore

BEFORE GAINING INDEPENDENCE IN 1965, SINGAPORE WAS A PART OF MALAYSIA WITH AN AILING ECONOMY, FLOURISHING CORRUPTION, AND LACK OF CLEAN DRINKING-WATER.

Nina Bohush

During the past 52 years, the Singaporean republic managed to jump from a Third World country to a First. Visiting the Lion City now might be compared to a trip to the future. Its shining skyscrapers, magnificent gardens, and cutting-edge urban projects make Singapore one of the most visited cities of the world (and one you might want to see for yourself this holiday season). To travel to Singapore Ukrainians need a visa. Yet, if you are going to stay in Singapore only a few days before or after a trip to Asia, you can take advantage of the visa-free 96-hour transit. Of course, 96 hours would never be enough to explore this city in full. So let us share a list of the most spectacular and unusual Singapore spots travellers shouldn't pass up.



CLARKE QUAY

Take a stroll along the historical Singapore Riverside. Clarke Quay has long been a vibrant dining and party destination where you can suddenly find yourself drinking cocktails, eating Asian specialties, or hitting the dancefloor in one of the iconic clubs.



MERLION

This mythical creature with the head of a lion and the body of a fish stands right at the mouth of the Singapore River. As a symbol of Singapore and a place where the city's history started, the Merlion overlooks some marvelous views of futuristic architecture.



JAMBO SEAFOOD

The only restaurant in this list is Jumbo Seafood, which is famous for its mind-blowing recipe of fresh chili crabs. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to enjoy a guilty pleasure.

** To avoid wasting time in long queues reserve a table one or two days before visiting*

MARINA BAY SANDS ROOFTOP BAR

An unforgettable sky-high view awaits at the Marina Bay Sands rooftop bar, made even more special at night. Make sure you enjoy it with the country's signature cocktail since the early 1900s – a Singapore Sling.

KAMPONG GLAM

Kampong Glam is a famous heritage Muslim district with a beautiful Sultan Mosque in its heart and traditional Middle East and Malay cafés spread around the quarter. The neighbourhood walls are covered with amazing street art pieces created by local and world-renowned artists. Lined with local designer shops and hip bars, Haji Lane is a key highlight not to be missed.

A TASTE OF SINGAPORE...

- Gin, 30 ml
- Heering Cherry Liqueur, 15 ml
- Pineapple Juice, 120 ml
- Lime Juice, 15 ml
- Cointreau, 7.5 ml
- Dom Benedictine, 7.5 ml
- Grenadine, 10 ml



GARDENS BY THE BAY

Spend a few relaxing hours under the giant trees in the Gardens by the Bay nature park. It seems hard to swallow that such a busy city still has so much space for gardens and parks. Finish your walk cooling down near the 35-metre waterfall amidst the orchids in the Cloud Forest.



NIGHT SAFARI

The Night Safari is an attraction that is distinctly Singapore. Take a guided tram or a walking trail around the world's first nocturnal zoo and experience the natural wildlife habitat.

BEFORE LANDING IN THE CITY...

- Visa-free transit through Singapore is provided only to tourists who travel from one country, for example, Ukraine, to another, like Malaysia, by air. While passing through customs in Singapore Changi Airport you might be asked to show flight tickets with departure date, hotel booking, or other details of your stay in the country.

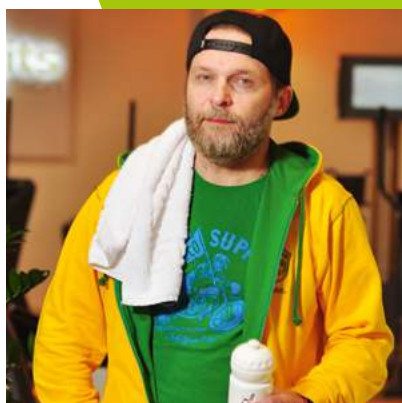
MIND THE FINES

- To keep the city clean by all means, Singapore authorities have put in place a system of strict fines, so avoid eating on the subway, chewing gum, or littering on the streets.
- Connecting to somebody else's Wi-Fi may cost you up to S\$ 10 000, and don't forget to flush the public toilets or you may have to pay a S\$ 150 fine! When you only planned to spend a penny!

Fitness

Serzh Velichanskiy

BATTLING A BEER GUT? IT'S THE TRADITIONAL TIME TO START THINKING, AND A NEW YEAR EQUALS A NEW START. IDEAS ARE EASY, HOWEVER; PUTTING THEM INTO PRACTICE IS WHERE THE WORK BEGINS, AND AS THEY SAY, RESOLUTIONS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN.

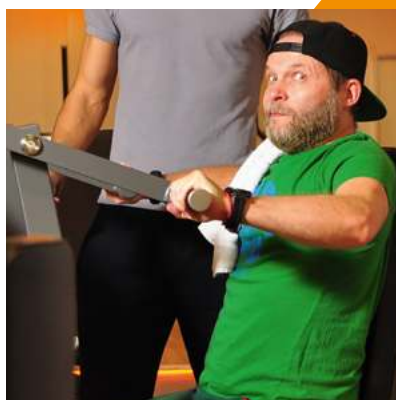


2. Make sure you're getting in a good diet – that means once the festivities are over minimal fats, more fish, and lots of vegetables.

3. Build your core – that includes giving attention to those muscles that support the entire body and spine. There is plenty of scientific research to back up his third point, and it doesn't matter whether you're hitting a tennis ball or mopping the floor – the necessary motions either originate in your core, or move through it, making it imperative to keep it strong.

In order to see how far I might need to go to get into Shevchenko shape, I decide to hit up No Limits, a fabulous gym in Atmosfera. Though you need to have a vehicle to get out here, once you do, it's well worth it. The gym is new, the equipment is great, and the instructors friendly. Memberships here start at just over 1 700 UAH/month.

ua.itsmilon.club

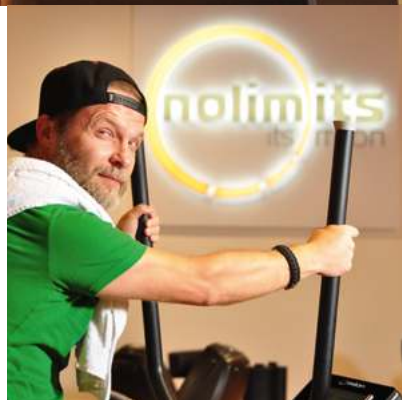


I might need a few more sessions before I'll be able to get the ball from Shevchenko, but I'm willing to put in the work. Check back with me in February...

Weight loss and working out feature high on most people's lists come those first few weeks in January. If you lack the motivation maybe you need a pro to point you in the right direction. Ready to put in the work? We tap illustrious Ukrainian and international footballer Andriy Shevchenko on the shoulder to offer some inspiration. It's not rocket science, but coming from the former Ukrainian national team striker, and winner of the Ballon D'or (who also happens to be a huge fan of What's On!), it does make sense: Here's Sheva's top tips:

1. Get moving – jogging and running are great, but even walking is good if that's where you're at. Just make sure you do it!

Goals



A few thoughts to keep you motivated:

- * Find a nearby fitness club and check on their personal training services, if you lack motivation, you might need the help of a trainer.
- * Know that you only get out what you put in.
- * Consider your diet!
- * Get in on the group classes at the gym – all you need to do is ask.
- * Enjoy yourself, and reap the rewards!

A FEW OPTIONS TO HELP ACHIEVE YOUR FITNESS GOALS IN 2018

SportLife is a popular affordable club with 31 locations around Kyiv. They have great offers where you can buy a year-long gym membership for as little as 3 000 UAH, depending on your preferences. Keep in mind, due to competitive prices, these gyms can be quite overcrowded.

🌐 www.sportlife.ua

Planeta Fitness

With two clubs in the centre to choose from, their individual approach to training is definitely a plus. Prices start around 4 000 UAH (special offers available).

🌐 planetfitness.com.ua

Tsarsky City Resort

The swankiest on our list, this can be considered an elite option. However, it also offers a spa, and a shooting range to either relax or have a little fun after your workout. Prices start at 45 000 UAH, which signals a well-to-do clientele.

🌐 www.tsarsky.com

CROSSFIT OPTIONS

Dog & Grand CrossFit

It's the first certified CrossFit club in Kyiv and has two locations in the Petrivka and Osokorky areas. Here you are assigned a coach, who tailors your fitness plan, considering your physiology.

Prices range from 2 380 UAH to 8 000 UAH for annual membership.

🌐 www.dogsportclub.com.ua

CrossFit Banda

For your convenience, there are six clubs available in different areas of Kyiv.

Prices start from 1 620 UAH per month and up.

🌐 www.crossfitbanda.com

**** keep in mind, CrossFit can be physically taxing, so prepare yourself and ask first for a one-day trial*



Home for Dom by Viktoriya Amelina

Anna Azarova

wo book club

My name is Dominique, Dom – for short. They say, dogs cannot recognise themselves in mirrors. Anyway, I can guess what I look like. I am a nonstandard white poodle. Too tall. With long (not curly) hair that gets easily tangled and fancy pom poms on my legs. The fur on the back of my left ear has a dirty-yellow colour and resembles a dark patch. “The dog has a defect,” remarks my first owner when purchasing me. He wants me to make a good duck-hunting dog. However, I fail. I am too softhearted for that.

My owner hands me over to his daughter by his first marriage. Thus, I move to Lviv to join my new family – the Tsyliks. There are six of them, three generations of five women and one elderly man sharing a small two-room apartment with a kitchen.

The oldest lady is Big Grandma. She likes watching TV in a big armchair. Stout and huge, she is the core of the family. Her husband, Colonel, is a former Soviet military pilot. He is white-haired like me. He talks little and dwells on his childhood memories. Tamara is their elder daughter and my first owner's ex-wife. Twice divorced, she is constantly searching for a better life. Tamara's younger sister, Mama Olya is a modest and romantic teacher who loves telling tales. Also divorced. Both sisters have daughters – Masha and Marusya. Masha is a difficult teenager who draws well and wants to return to East Germany

where she used to live with her mother and stepfather. Marusya, the youngest girl, is blind and the most cheerful of all the Tsyliks. She wants to study literature and get her eyesight back.

They are good people or just people – a bit naïve, a bit disillusioned, a bit melancholic, a bit comical. They all smell differently – of strong tea, caramel, chamomile shampoo, laundry, heart medication, soda, hair dyes, ink, bread, and engine oil. However, they all smell out of place here – earlier, the apartment belonged to somebody else whose presence is still noticeable. As time goes by, I will learn to love them all. I will help them turn this place into a real home.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Viktoriya Amelina is a Lviv-born writer and participant of many Ukrainian and international festivals. When she was 14, she immigrated to Canada with her father, but later returned to Ukraine. In 2014, Amelina made her literary debut with her highly acclaimed novel November Syndrome, or HomoCompatiens. In 2016, she published her first book for children Someone, or the Water Heart. Her third novel is Home for Dom, recently published in Ukraine. Since childhood, Amelina dreamed of becoming a writer, instead, she spent 10 years working as a programmer and manager in international companies. Now she has devoted herself utterly to writing full-.

THE WO FUNNIES

On 15 November, Pickard Group together with The Ukrainian Connoisseur Club, Kyiv Lions Club, and Fryday Kyiv held a charity event at Quanto Costa restaurant called “Roll up roll up to Terry's comical and illustrated presentation”. The evening featured stories of the 25-year Kyiv expat, founder and chairman of international real estate consultant the Pickard Group quite a hoot.



Back in the early 90s, I was negotiating to buy a property for a client to lease on particularly good terms which was apparently owned by a mafia group. When they discovered how good the deal was they wanted to lease not sell. So, at 22.00 one evening, two very bulky pistol carrying gentlemen knocked at my door and ‘requested’ that I should accompany them to meet their boss. I did. The meeting ended amicably with them paying me a reasonable introduction fee.
- Terry Pickard



This UA brand doesn't need a whole lot of hype or fanfare: the product is homegrown with love by two of the loveliest ladies in the capital. Sisters Ira and Olenka Martyniuk, founders of Tsvirin-Tsvirin (the way Ukrainians hear birds chirping), have been “in love with fashion since birth”, and in February 2017 put that into practice. Replacing the well-known pom-pom with hand-crocheted birds, the girls say their hats are for those who dare to push boundaries. Since showcasing in Paris, the brand has been picked up by four stores – one in Paris, one in London, and two in the US. You don't need to go nearly that far however: pick one up online here in Kyiv, and make someone happy this holiday season! Where to buy?

www.tsvirin-tsvirin.com

Price: \$55 (child) - \$65 (adult)

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An Unconventional Way to Expose the Beast

“WE NEED TO MEET WITH THE CATALANS, AND IF WE DO NOT REACH AN AGREEMENT, SUICIDE WILL BE WAITING.” IT IS WITH THIS PARTLY IRONIC AND PARTLY SERIOUS MAXIM THE HERO, FERNANDO OPENS THE PLAY THE METHOD OF GRONHOLM BY CATALAN SCREENWRITER JORDI GALCERAN.

Imagine a sack, in which several rabid cats are placed, or a cage in which irritated and starving predators swarm. What are each of them ready to do to survive? Behind this question is something more than just hunger, because to be the first, the best, and the strongest – that’s what’s in their blood and what controls them. They are ready for anything, just like the four careerist leaders represented in the play, invited to an interview at an international firm claiming a rather prestigious position.

Enrique, Carlos, Mercedes, and Fernando meet in the same room for the last procedure to select applicants. However, the

manner of implementation is so refined and elaborate that each one of the characters is voluntarily forced to reveal their own closeted skeletons, including intimate life, vices, and childhood traumas. The method of Gronholm changes their ideas about themselves and makes them try to be both judge and accused, boss and subordinate, aggressive hunter and victim of their own aggression. It could be stated that Ukraine, after the Revolution of Dignity, was in a similar situation, when every Ukrainian looked at himself differently in the mirror.

This detective, tragicomedy saga raises social questions about the price of a person’s

dignity, of his moral principles in pursuit of the coveted, and eventually about his right to choose. Did Jordi Galceran foresee when he wrote this play in 2003, that these issues would be more important than ever for his homeland on the road to independence? Or, for that matter, for the world at large today? Find the answer for yourself in the theatrical performance at Molodiy Theatre.

THE METHOD OF GRONHOLM

📅 **4 January at 19.00**

📍 *Molodiy Theatre (Prorizna 17)*

🎫 Tickets: 70-140 UAH

🌐 molodyytheatre.com

Ukrainian Addict

Kaitlin Vitt

LVIV: A HOLIDAY FAIRY TALE

The flowers lining the streets have been replaced with evergreen shrubs as Saint Nicholas walks through Rynok Square. People hammer away building wooden huts along the opera house square, the soon-to-be site of the Christmas market.

The holiday season has hit Lviv.

The full schedule of Lviv’s Christmas and New Year activities is yet to be confirmed, but there will be activities like workshops, concerts, and markets near Rynok Square and the Lviv Opera House running mid-December well into January. There will also be the One Day Shop Lviv event featuring goods from Ukrainian designers and makers at the Lviv Art Palace on 16 December.

I’ve already had fun participating in traditional days of merriment including St Catherine’s Day on 7 December, which celebrates unmarried women; St Andrews Day on 13 December which includes a full day of jokes, games, and stories; and I’m looking forward to the upcoming St Nicholas Day on 19 December – a celebration of giving and receiving gifts. This year is a special and notable one for Ukraine, which makes my time here even more memorable. For the first time, Christmas on both 25 December and 7 January will be acknowledged as state holidays after parliament voted in November for the Western addition.

The transition into the holiday season in Lviv seems to be gradual, unlike my hometown of Winnipeg, Manitoba, where as soon as Halloween decorations are taken down, Christmas decorations



go up. In Lviv, mid-November saw the construction of Rynok Square’s skating rink begin, taking a few weeks to complete. More and more vendors appear to set up each week at the souvenir market, preparing for people to stock up on gifts. And decorations around the city still slowly appear, like the green garland running along store fronts, creating a perfect photo op for those passing by.

In Winnipeg, I rely on the weather to put me in the holiday spirit. First comes the snow, then the freezing weather

– that’s when I know Christmas and New Year is just around the corner. It’s different here though.

I can’t rely on the familiar sight of snow to set my holiday mood, seeing as we only just had our first “major” snowfall, and with the warm weather, who knows if it will stay.

Though the weather in Lviv doesn’t trigger holiday feelings, I of course still feel the excitement of the holidays, perhaps even more so than at home.

Here, the excitement comes from the decorated streets, the warming lamps outside popular nightspots allowing people to enjoy a drink outdoors, and the holiday menus that offer classics like mulled wine and gingerbread lattes. And to think this is all only the beginning. Will I be able to survive a month and a half of holiday celebrations? Thankfully I’ve been training for a few years – even in Canada my holiday celebrations continue into January, since Ukrainian Malanka parties extend the typical Western holiday traditions. But living here in Ukraine will be a new test, a new challenge of endurance. A challenge I gladly accept.

So here’s to the holiday season, old traditions, and new celebrations, and experiencing the charm of winter in Lviv.

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What's On the Menu

The Odessa File

WHEN AUTHENTIC RECIPES MEET AN INNOVATIVE AND CONSTANTLY EVOLVING APPROACH TO COOKING, AND SERVING IT FORMS PART OF THE STORY OF A LONG-ESTABLISHED RESTAURANT HARDLY STUCK IN THE PAST, THE “ODESSA” FILE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW AN EATERY WITH A 55-YEAR HISTORY MANAGES TO STILL STAND OUT AND IMPRESS.

Nina Bohush



As winters set in I often feel an overwhelming nostalgia for the seaside. When my whining annoys my husband enough, we pack our stuff and spend a few calm days on the Odessa seashore. This year, neither of us could escape the bustle of the capital so the opportunity to at least have brunch in the most Odessa-like restaurant in Kyiv seemed too good to pass up.

FOOD DRAMAS

We come to Odessa late Sunday morning. The venue isn't crowded so we take a table in the famous “rope room”. Our server Dima is in a good, almost euphoric, mood. As it turns out, Odessa was awarded the SALT national prize as one of the best fish restaurants in Ukraine just the day before – it is the second time the restaurant has received such an accolade, and as Dima says, it is well deserved. Frankly speaking, we've come not only for the fresh seafood or vibrant Odessa atmosphere, after its reopening Odessa staked its historic reputation on creative

cuisine and innovative preparation. Another interesting fact – some of Odessa's entrees are cooked in a Big Green Egg – a special oven that allows the juiciness of fish and meat to be maintained while cooking.

Along with classical dishes like forshmak or Greek salad, the chef also offers intriguing gastronomic viands. I ask Dima to tell me more about the most uncommon items on the menu – Pâté Tastier than Mandarin, Martino Belgian tartar, and veal carpaccio with a recipe that has a history dating to the 16th century. From that moment we are involved in exciting stories, jumping from one intriguing drama to another, and have no choice other than to order dishes with the most fascinating storylines.

A little later, our server masterfully paints a white-sauce tree on the Vittore Carpaccio masterpiece (actually – a rice dough) that covers a real veal carpaccio. While testing and tasting, we try to imagine Carpaccio's beloved women and romantic relationships in the times of the Renaissance.

LET THE FEAST BEGIN!

The most authentic dish is the forshmak. Odessa forshmak takes much of its DNA from the famous herring appetizer, which is ground and prepared right before our eyes. However dressed with lime and a



EDIBLE INVENTORY

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Pate Tastier than	
Mandarin (160/60g)	127 UAH
Veal Carpaccio (180g)	175 UAH
Seafood with vegetables	
under seal (300g)	350 UAH
Gratinate beef ribs	
with lettuce (200g)	145 UAH
Viburnum with sage	
home tea (500ml)	85 UAH
Café latte (280ml) (x2)	120 UAH

TOTAL = 1 099 UAH

special sauce, it takes a new interesting flavor.

Prior to the show we received a lovely present – a postcard with warm greetings from Odessa, which makes us reminisce about sea breezes. So with thoughts of seagulls and salty air, we experience Odessa's in-house specialty. A fish entree with shrimps, scallop and vegetables is next and turns out to be a classic seafood course.

Hardly cancelling out all we've tried up to this point, the gratinate beef ribs from the Big Green Egg oven, topped with a sweet pepper sauce, is the star of this feast. Delicious!

NEXT TIME FRONT ROW

Our late morning smoothly flows into a pleasant Sunday afternoon. I ask for a menu and go through the cocktail list. “Odessa Especial” could be a perfect ending to this feast. Unfortunately, it is too early for cocktails, and considering how much we'd managed to eat, it's too late for dessert. So we agree that our next diner in Odessa will definitely start with the sip of a rum cocktail and front row seats to the upcoming food preparation performance.

THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

English Menu	✓
English-speaking staff	✓
Wifi	✓
Price	\$\$
WO Rating	★★★★★

Odessa Restaurant

📍 (V Vasylkivska 114)

Open: 11.00 – last guest

🌐 odessarest.com.ua

Reservations recommended

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What's On the Menu

YOU MAY WONDER WHAT JAPAN AND PERU, SEPARATED BY VAST STRETCHES OF OPEN OCEAN, HAVE IN COMMON. THE ANSWER COMES AS A SURPRISE. IT IS CUISINE KNOWN AS NIKKEI, WHICH IS MAKING ITS MARK ON THE WORLD FOOD SCENE.

Anna Azarova

Nikkei Experiments: Opposites Attract

Nikkei is a term referring to Japanese people living outside of the country and is extended to include a fusion of traditional Japanese fish/seafood recipes and key Peruvian ingredients – potatoes and corn. Far from a vulgar mash up, an unexpected but refined pairing blends Japan's freshness with Peru's spicy flavours to remarkable effect.

THE CODE OF RONIN

It is my first such culinary experience, and together with TUCC (The Ukrainian Connoisseur Club) we are to explore the innovative cuisine offered by Ronin, Ukraine's first establishment serving Peruvian-Japanese delicacies. It occupies the impressive building of Tokyo, a former legendary Japanese restaurant, located near the Kyiv Zoo. The two-storey property boasts several halls and four summer terraces capable of accommodating up to 450 guests.

A minimalist interior with clear lines keeps the design simple, modern, and practical. Nothing pompous, nothing pretentious. The light colours and openness create a greater sense of space. High ceilings, long wooden tables, and sofas made of leather make one feel immediately comfortable.

The restaurant has six aquariums with live oysters and lobsters, a fish display freezer, a dry-aged beef chamber, open kitchen, contact bar, and teppan grills offering a visual and gastronomic treat. The overall impression is enhanced by minor yet crucial features: decorative vases, green plants, big bright paintings on the walls, and rainbow coloured plates.

JAPANESE-PERUVIAN OR PERUVIAN-JAPANESE?

Yellowfin Tuna Tiradito starts the party off. It is a dish of raw fish, thinly sliced (simi-

lar to carpaccio), delicately seasoned and artfully decorated with ponzu jelly, truffle salsa, and microgreen. The tuna has a perfect texture and neutral flavour, emphasised with a soft bitterness of the leche de tigre sauce. It is ideally complemented by Chivite Las Fincas Rosado – a rosé wine with a nice yellowish pink hue produced by the oldest winery in Navarra, Spain.

Nikkei Causas with Scallops is next on the menu. The waiter brings in an artistic palette of mashed pink sweet potatoes and Peruvian-style fried vegetables – blue cabbage, cherry tomatoes, kumquat, baby corn, pea buds, and wok-fried spinach. It is crowned with seared scallops dressed with teriyaki sauce. I take a sip of the Yarden Katzrin Chardonnay, which is an impeccable match for the dish. The primary label of Israeli's Golan Heights Winery, Yarden is softly sweet but not aggressive, and tastes rich, with notes of ripe yellow fruits, corn,



EDIBLE INVENTORY

Yellowfin tuna tiradito	219 UAH
Nikkei Causas with scallops	349 UAH
Filet mignon (250 g)	359 UAH
Mochi	69 UAH
Chivite Las Fincas Rosado (150ml)	150 UAH
Golan Heights Winery Yarden Katzrin Chardonnay 2015 (150ml)	260 UAH
Errazuriz Max Reserva Carmenere 2009 (150ml)	220 UAH
Akashi-Tai Shiraume Ginjo Umeshu (50ml)	95 UAH

TOTAL (for one person) = 1 721 UAH

caramel and vanilla.

I still have an appetite for more and Filet Mignon arrives at the table just in time. It is a robata grill rump steak cooked to medium-rare perfection and set on creamy potato puree, with colourful vegetables and yuzu truffle sauce. Succulent, tender, and juicy – just as it should be – the meat melts in the mouth and calls for a glass of good old red wine, like Errazuriz Max Reserva Carmenere (Chile). The well-bodied 'nectar' has a bouquet with tones of black berries, spices, and oak vanilla.

I do not have a sweet tooth, but can't resist the temptation of savouring a light classical Japanese dessert – Mochi. This is a delightfully chewy, mellow ball of glutinous rice dough, which in my case has white chocolate with mango inside. The frozen treat goes along with Shiraume Ginjo Umeshu, a gorgeous liquor with a strong nutty flavour, made by steeping Wakayama plum in the finest Japanese premium rice Sake Ginzio.

Surprisingly, I do not feel full after finishing all four courses, though definitely nourished. My first Nikkei experience has really been worth it and inspires me to investigate Japanese-Peruvian or Peruvian-Japanese masterpieces further.

PS. When in Ronin, be sure to consult sommelier Yuriy, who will tell you everything about Nikkei cuisine and help select the best drinks to pair your meal.

THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

English Menu	✓
English-speaking staff	✓
Wifi	✓
Price	\$\$\$
WO Rating	★★★★★

Ronin

📍 (Zoolohichna 10)

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Reservations are a good idea



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Grilled seafood platter

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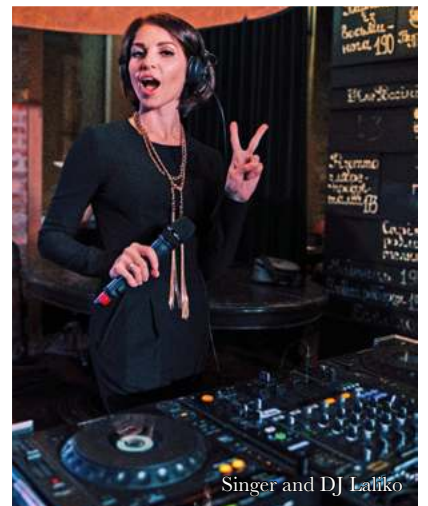
Singer Yana Brilitskaya



Andriy Shelug of Nikko Motors and Vyacheslav Demyanenko of Socar



Former First Lady Kateryna Yushchenko



Singer and DJ Laliko

WERE YOU THERE???

Well, that was some party, even if we do say so ourselves! By invite only, we were joined by friends, sponsors, and advertisers on **30 November** at L'etage for an awesome evening of entertainment and fun. Drinks flowed all night care of Gentleman Jack Whiskey, entertainment by KOLA, Leo Mantis, Yana Brilitskaya, and Laliko was pretty darn fabulous, and the buzz was hard to beat. Did you get an invite? No? There's always next time...Stay tuned! More photos on Facebook at [whatson.kyiv](https://www.facebook.com/whatson.kyiv)



The team from Music Box



The WO Team



The awesome headliner Leo Mantis



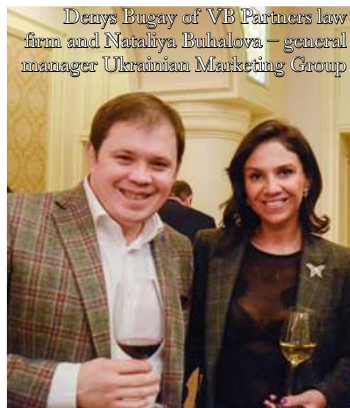
The Chamber president Andy Hunder speaks to a packed house

THE ACC AGMM

The American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine invited business and community leaders to the Fairmont Hotel on **7 December** where Chamber President, Andy Hunder, and chairman of the Board of Directors, Grzegorz Chmielarski, presented a review of the Chamber's activities from 2017, and also introduced the newly appointed (or reappointed) Chamber Directors for 2108. The formalities included an address from US Ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Jovanovych, while the less formal part of the evening included wine, food, and live music. The event was attended by roughly 300 guests and capped off another important year of great achievements by this leading business organisation.



Daniel Aspleaf, managing director at CDM Engineering Ukraine and Petro Mańaszek, deputy director for UkraineInvest



Denys Bugay of VB Partners law firm and Nataliya Buhalova – general manager Ukrainian Marketing Group



Steven Fisher, CEO and chairman of the Board Citibank; Dmitry Kuzmin; and Ihor Olekhov of Baker & McKenzie



Kumeat Ali looking sharp



Denis Moraru, Nadia Fedchenko, Kostiantyn Bondar, Wolfram Rehbock, and Irinka Kovalets and friends



General manager of Radisson Blu Podil Nadine Fembacher and Fryday's Sam Kearley giving away prizes

CHRISTMAS FRYDAY

The Radisson Blu Podil saw a full-house in their stylish lobby bar on **8 December** as the Fry-day Afterwork community got the weekend started properly! The event was enjoyed by several hundred international and local business professionals, who in good festive spirit with drinks flowing, passed the evening away with friends new and old.



All smiles at Fryday events

What's In Focus



Performers from Uzbekistan keep crowds happy

CULTURES GATHER FOR GOOD

Members of the International Women's Club of Kyiv can be very proud of their efforts on **2 December**, when they hosted the 25th, and most successful to date, Christmas Charity Bazaar at Olympic Stadium. An astounding 3.3 million UAH was collected following a months-long lead-up and the day of fun featured 44 embassies, international companies, and representatives of the cultural community. Congratulations IWCK!



A representative of Norway all decked out



Volunteers from the American Embassy stand having a great time with Ambassador Jovanovich

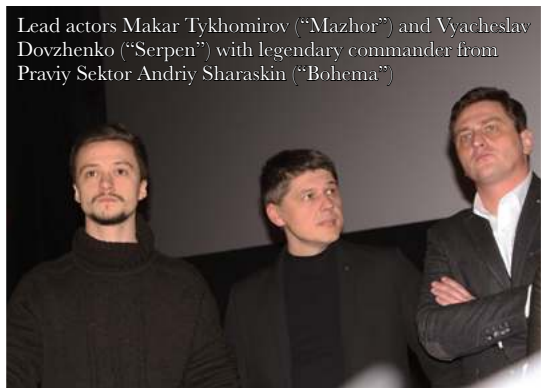


Ladies from the Indian Embassy

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Yevhen "Titan Jackson" Terekhov, ATO hero (got injured in Mariinka, 83 pieces of shrapnel taken out of his body, titan plate in his skull)



Lead actors Makar Tykhomirov ("Mazhor") and Vyacheslav Dovzhenko ("Serpen") with legendary commander from Praviy Sektor Andriy Sharaskin ("Bohema")

CYBORGS TAKE ON KYIV

On **4 December**, in Oskar theatre, the press and various VIPs were invited to a private screening of Kiborgs – the long-awaited feature film of director Akhtem Seitablaiev about the defence of Donetsk Airport during a key moment of the war in Donbas. The Ukrainian mega production cost 48 million UAH, involved several real "cyborgs" in its production, and came to a close on opening night with a standing ovation. 5 UAH from each ticket sold will go charity fund Povernys Zhyvym/Return Alive, which supports families of fallen defenders of the airport. A longer version of four episodes will be shown on TV channel 1+1 in 2018.



Film director Akhtem Seitablaiev



"Gezar" one of the Donetsk Airport's real defenders



Rudolf and Svetlana Pillich

TRADITIONAL AND UNTRADITIONAL

Every year, TUCC president Terry Pickard challenges a restaurant to create an untraditional take on the traditional Christmas meal of Turkey and trimmings. This year, the challenge was picked up on **5 December** by Va Bene, an Italian restaurant which has secured one of the highest scores during the Club's year of gourmet experiences. As tradition dictates, the festive gathering was not about grading the food, the service, or the wines, but more of a social end-of-year get-together with friends and fellow foodies. Somehow Pickard once again missed out on the visit by Santa.



There are always a few surprises with TUCC



The boys show off their gifts from Santa



Vitaliy and Tatiana Tkachenko cheers to a great event

Honorary Committee Members with president of UCU Bishop Borys Gudziak at the helm



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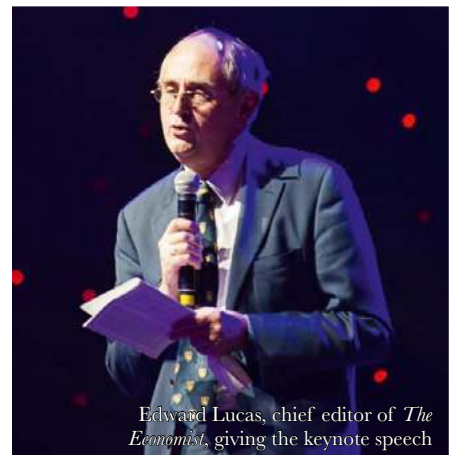
Fashion from Oksana Karavanska hits the catwalk



Natalia Popovych and Ihor Perehinets enjoying the moment

AN AMAZING EVENING OF AMAZING PEOPLE

The 10th annual charitable evening of the Ukrainian Catholic University went off without a hitch on **2 December** at Kyiv's International Exhibition Centre. Attracting 500+ guests, the evening was seamless starting with a catwalk featuring designs from Oksana Karavanska, numerous performances from local celebrities, a keynote speech from Edward Lucas, a few solemn words from Father Borys Gudziak, and a silent auction that resulted in the collection of more than 10 million UAH for the development of the university!



Edward Lucas, chief editor of *The Economist*, giving the keynote speech

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and a Happy New Year!**

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