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

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# From the Editor

Editor-in-Chief  
Lana Nicole Niland



*“Faster, Higher, Stronger. It seems apt that such an adage should start this issue”*

Citius, Altius, Fortius – it’s the Olympic motto in Latin, which means Faster, Higher, Stronger. It seems apt that such an adage should start this issue, as, not only are the 23<sup>rd</sup> Winter Olympics kicking off in South Korea next month, but we are kicking off a new year.

New years always bring a sort of melancholic nostalgia – you are, in essence, saying good-bye to times that will never again return. In some cases, this is a blessing, as there are some events I would not wish to relive. The Trump administration taking office is one of them; the numerous mass shootings and acts of terror that occurred around the world with relative ease is another; the frequency with which nature showed its fury last year, in the sheer number and severity of hurricanes, mudslides, and forest fires.

And then, there are other events, which elicit joy just at the thought – the defeat of Marine Le Pen by Emmanuel Macron in France, and with it hopes of the far right getting more of a footing in Europe; the destruction of the caliphate of the Islamic State, a militant group known for some of the most horrific human rights abuses anywhere; the landslide vote that passed into law marriage equality in Australia.

Closer to home we have some of our own milestones to delight in – bezvis opened the doors of Europe to Ukrainians; the EU Association Agreement was finally signed and came into force; pensions were increased – not to where they need to be, but moving in the right direction; an antiquated list of jobs that women were prevented from doing here in Ukraine, dating back to 1994, was abolished, though few reported on this.

Among other worthwhile events, What’s On returned, with little pomp and grandeur. Rather, quietly, seamlessly, almost as though we had never left.

This first issue in 2018 is tribute to all that we have come through, and more importantly all that we have yet to accomplish. On the cover is the resolute Victoria Trofimenko, whose tenacity and determination will serve her well in her chosen profession; inside this magazine is a group who, with a nod to National Geographic, are showcasing a Ukraine you have never seen before; then there’s Assistanspoolen, a Swedish group that could very well revolutionise the care industry here in Ukraine; as well, an Olympic hopeful who will soon be heading to South Korea with dreams to make the country proud; and that’s just for starters.

We live in a world where almost anything is possible. I hope this next year is one that allows you to continue to live by the Olympic motto. Regardless of the business you are in, or the profession you have chosen, may you find the inspiration to push faster, climb higher, be stronger.



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## Church Refuses to Bury Baby

Priest Eugene Molchanov who represents the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate refused to bury a baby in Zaporizhia, because the boy had been baptised by the Kyiv Patriarchate, which is not recognised by Moscow. The 2-year old died on New Year's Eve after being crushed by a man jumping from his apartment, committing suicide.

Reports say the father punched the priest, after telling the family their child was "unchristened" and their "church was a sham". The priest seemed unmoved by the boy's mother who threw herself on the floor at his feet. Forced to leave, the family took the body of the boy to the church where he was christened to perform the burial rights.

The priest told a local paper that he was sorry, and that he felt for the family. "But there are certain lines I cannot cross," he said. "A child christened by the Kyiv Patriarchate remains unchristened...And the Kyiv Church itself is a hoax."

Ah religion. Isn't it great.

## Did you know?

American Football is gaining popularity in Ukraine. More than 20 teams unite regularly under the Ukrainian League of American Football (ULAF) where players receive no salary but use their own money for uniforms, field rental, and coaching staff.



## Sad loss, Sean Carr

Although Carr hadn't lived in Kyiv for a few years, his recent passing has been felt by many in the community here. He was one of life's real characters, a cobbler from Leeds, a biker covered in tattoos (some spelt incorrectly). He met a girl from Ukraine, they fell in love, and the rest is history. However, in Sean's case, that girl, Zhenya, was none other than the daughter of former Ukrainian prime minister, Yulia Tymoshenko.

The story goes that Carr wasn't told who his soon-to-be mother-in-law was until about 30 seconds before they were introduced. Regardless of the shoulders he was now rubbing with, he stayed exactly who he was. He rode bikes (sometimes illegally) and he sang in his band the Death Valley Screemers – who were not very good. But they did once make a video with the guys from *American Chopper*.

Always ready to sit and have a chat with anyone, Carr became a restaurateur in Kyiv, where he and Zhenya opened Ciro's Italian eatery. His marriage to Zhenya wasn't to last – they divorced in 2012. Carr died from internal bleeding and complication with his esophagus in a hospital in Prague on 8 January with his daughter by his side. RIP Sean, thanks for everything.

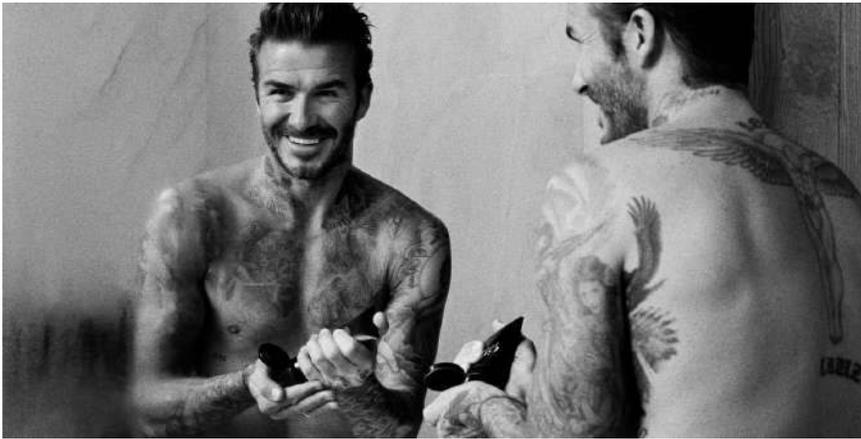
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## ESPN Names Lomachenko the World's Best Boxer

Ukrainian two-time Olympic champion (2008, 2012) and current WBO super featherweight world champion Vasyl Lomachenko (10-1, 8 KOs) capped off an incredible 2017 in December beating Cuba's previously undefeated two-time Olympic champion Guillermo Rigondeaux in the 6th round. It marked the fourth straight fight where his opponent surrendered on the stool rather than come out and take any more punishment. He dispatched Colombia's Miguel Mariago and the US's Jason Sosa in the same fashion earlier in the year (and Jamaica's Nicholas Walters in Nov. 2016).

The 29-year-old's dominance has won accolades from across the boxing world, he was named ESPN's best active pound-for-pound boxer, The Ring's Top Fighter of 2017, and HBO Sport's Boxer of the Year. The world's greatest super featherweight fighter may need to move up a division to meet a worthy opponent, and the boxing world hopes he'll soon face undefeated three-weight world champion Mikey Garcia (37-0, 30 KOs).



## Take a bow, David Beckham

Many years ago, a teenager trying to make an impact at the legendary Manchester United picked up a loose ball in his own half of the pitch. He looked up, saw that the opposing goalkeeper was hopelessly out of position, and shot towards goal from a ridiculous distance. As the ball flew the length of the pitch and then sailed into the back of the net, Becks threw his hands in the air with the commentator shouting, “take a bow David Beckham”. He had arrived on the scene, and the spotlight would never leave him.

Although Beckham has since hung up his footie boots, Goldenballs (as his wife calls him) has turned his image and fame into a business career, and has recently launched a grooming brand called House 99. Why are we, What’s On Kyiv, writing about this? Because the legend that is Becks chose the legends that are Ukraine’s DakhaBrakha as the soundtrack for the global advert of his new venture. DakhaBrakha have been one of the leading names in the Ukrainian music scene for more than a decade. For noticing this and recognising this special Ukrainian talent, we say, one again, take a bow David Beckham.

Watch the ad featuring DakhaBrakha here:



## Kyiv, Backdrop

British pop star Calum Scott recently released a new music video shot exclusively in Kyiv. Showing off some of the best sights of our beautiful city, such as the Opera House, Khreschatyk, and Maidan, the video for *You Are The Reason* is already a great piece of promo for Kyiv having racked up 6.25 million views at the time of going to print. Scott was nominated in the Best British Single category at the Brit awards last year for his song *Dancing On My Own*, which also reached number two in the UK music charts.

Watch the video here:



## Ukraine’s World Chess Champion Forfeits Titles for Gender Rights Stance

Ukrainian world rapid and blitz chess champion Anna Muzychuk has decided to forego her chance to defend the titles and possibly win the substantial payouts that come along with a victory – in order to protest the move to hold the event in Saudi Arabia, a country notorious for its women’s rights record. She says she has no interest in wearing the abaya (the long, loose-fitting dark robe Saudi women are made to wear); in being accompanied when outdoors; or to “altogether not to feel like a secondary creature”.

The country was awarded the event, in part, due to the substantial prize packages it is offering. The \$2 million in total prize money is nearly 350% more than when she won last year in Doha, Qatar. “In five days,” she explains, “I was expected to earn more than I do in a dozen events combined.”

Her sister Mariya – herself a former world champion – boycotted this year’s World Chess Championship in Tehran, Iran, as she did not want to wear the hijab while playing. She will be joining her sister in boycotting this event. “The most upsetting thing is that almost nobody really cares,” says Anna. “For those few who do, we’ll be back!”

We care Anna, that’s why we are writing about the stand you’ve taken.



# WO Around the Country

A flock of sheep near an airplane in the village of Frumushyka-Nova caught by helicopter. Photo by: [Pavlo Pashko](#)

**Ukrainer**  
ЕКСПЕДИЦІЯ

## Follow the Journey

THE WORLD-FAMED PUBLICATION NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE UKRAINIAN MEDIA SPACE, LEAVING FEW OPTIONS FOR FANS OF INTELLECTUAL MEDIA AND GEOGRAPHIC DISCOVERIES. UNTIL NOW.



Vasyl Bovgar plays trembita on the porch of his "staya" house on the polonyna, as cattle descend to the village. Photo by: [Alina Kondratenko](#)



The view from a drone of a solar station, located in Starokozache village. Photo by: [Pavlo Pashko](#)



An 83-year-old museum-owner rides with a classmate in the village of Hrushivka, Chernivtsi region, on a IZH-49, manufactured in 1949. Photo by: [Vasyl Salyha](#)

How much do we know about Ukraine in its diversity, in its everyday life of people in small cities and villages, the same people who help the country evolve as a whole? In the past decades, Ukrainians have been migrating toward urban centres, moving to cities and gradually leaving their land behind. The stories of small abandoned settlements do not attract any particular media attention. Rather, they are kept in family archives and vanish from living-memory over time.

### UKRAINE GETTING ATTENTION

Ukraine is a focus of world media mainly because of current political and economic issues, plainly put – war. Nevertheless, a number of foreign visitors describe Ukraine differently. They view Ukraine as

an unexpectedly interesting, unpredictable, and very colourful land that belies all stereotypes.

But how do Ukrainians see their country? On the one hand, we still hear negative comments from those who come from abroad, comparing Ukraine to European countries. On the other hand, many Ukrainians have never even crossed the borders of their own region. And those who travel a lot around Ukraine may have noticed how little we actually know about other regions, or even the country as a whole.

### CHALLENGING PRECONCEPTIONS

In order to change this, Ukrainer was a founded, a new media project aimed to discover who Ukrainians really are. Ukrainer shares stories about the most remote plac-

es, interesting people, traditional arts and crafts, and food. It presents the stories about all of us, and encapsulates the best about Ukraine for both Ukrainians and foreigners. Created by a team of volunteers in Ukraine and abroad, people with diverse backgrounds and skills but with a shared vision, Ukrainer showcases the country in its best light. So far, the expedition has lasted 18 months and embraced 14 historical regions of Ukraine, from Slobozhanshchyna to Podillya, from Volyn to Tavria, in all their natural glory and cultural diversity.

Join What's On as we hang on to the coat-tails of Ukrainer, to learn the secrets that make this land as fabulous, sometimes infuriating, but always as fascinating as it is.

*Watch for more featured in Issue 6*

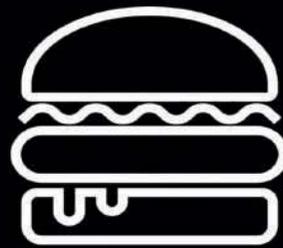


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Jared Morgan



Victoria Trofimenko cemented a place with her directorial debut *Brothers. The Final Confession* (*Bratya. Ostanynya Spovid*) in 2013, based on the work by Swedish writer Gustav Torgny Lindgren, with the story

transplanted into the Carpathians. It was the first Ukrainian movie to be accepted into three international film festivals. Ever. Petit, steely, and razor-sharp, Trofimenko speaks passionately about her work and honestly about the challenges.

## BEGINNINGS

As she tells it, her career almost happened on a whim: "I decided to go to theatre university two weeks before entering, before that I wanted to be an artist. I wasn't prepared and did not act." However, she was inspired: "Because they had the best teacher from theatre – Viktor Kisin – and he was going to create an institute within the institution, he had that dream. Do something grand, but six months later he died." She was perhaps even more determined. "The course I studied was not the most successful for mastering the profession, so not to waste time, a year later I transferred to another faculty – management of international tourism, and in parallel decided to enter the theatre institute."

After this, she left for the UK, to gain practical experience. According to Trofimenko, in Ukraine the film industry was at a standstill: "It was the beginning of the 2000s. I entered the UK film industry. Working on a voluntary basis, a girl running errands, a clapper, assistant director, all as part of the diploma work of a young British filmmaker who graduated from the Welsh film school."

SHE MADE MOVIE MAGIC WITH HER MOVIE DEBUT, ACHIEVING MANY UKRAINIAN FIRSTS. WITH SUCCESS COMES SET-BACKS. WHAT'S ON ASKS WHY? WHERE TO NEXT FOR THIS FILMMAKER? AND DO THE MISOGYNY AND SCANDALS RECENTLY HIGHLIGHTED IN HOLLYWOOD AFFECT THE INDUSTRY HERE.

## GROWING PAINS

A year later, she returned to Ukraine, and entered the theatrical university on a serious basis. "It was my third attempt with this university. By that time I had already made my first full-length documentary *Back Home*, which was screened in Soho, London. The question was asked: 'Is this really the first thing she has made? She made nothing before?' The producer replied: 'Yes, it's her first work'. They said they would show it. The producer told me: 'Victoria, not every director has their first film shown in Soho.'" In her second year, she worked in television as a director, and finally had a resume behind her. The calls started to come, she had a professional reputation. She had also completed theatrical training with a coveted 'red diploma'. Her work was the feature film *Brothers. The Final Confession*, made with the company Pronto Film. "After graduating from the institute, I worked for five more years on this project. As a result, this film was the first in the history of independent Ukraine, which was selected for three festivals ranked in the 'A' group."

## MONEY

Still it was not easy. "The main challenge is common – money. Cinema is an expensive art form. It requires a large number of people. The director, is a conductor with a wand, idea, and knowledge (often he/she is also a composer), but he/she is solitary – the vision is in his/her head, it is a start, but not enough."

She is honest. "To be a woman director in Ukraine, at this time of cinematic development, it doesn't matter whether you're a woman or a man. Earlier, yes, there were sexist statements that 'a woman director is more than a woman, but less than a director'." Now, she says these statements are irrelevant, because in Ukrainian cinema

women have a voice.

"Once there was a case when one producer wrote about me as 'he' several times, I complained, saying: 'he sees me as a man, and I'm a woman. I wear dresses and skirts. And the producer then wisely remarked: 'Vika, he sees you as a director'."

## SCANDALISED HOLLYWOOD

The issues plaguing Hollywood do not go unnoticed and Trofimenko is strong in her views. "How could I continue to work with someone who committed an act of violence or humiliation toward me? If everyone knew? It's like a totalitarian regime, where (Harvey) Weinstein is Mussolini and everyone keeps quiet, pretends everything is OK. In keeping this silence, there is an act of responsibility. It tells the perpetrator everything is OK and he continues..."

"I once heard, in movies, you become either relatives or someone's mistresses. I remember being lost for words when I heard that, it did not compute with me...I did not have any relatives in movies and I was not anyone's mistress."



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She is very clear about the situation in the local industry: “This scandal does not affect Ukrainian filmmakers at all. At least I don’t know of anything like that.”

## THE FUTURE

After stops and starts, Trofimenko has two projects in development. Firstly *Yakiv*, again a collaboration with Pronto Film, a Holodomor story about a man who saved 2 800 people from the Stalin-created famine – a historical drama based on real events. She has no intention of infusing it with propaganda.

“My main character is a Communist who renounces Communist ideology in the name of humanism. I like this very much about him, he doesn’t burn the party card and grab the trident, he doesn’t do it cheaply as many people do. He doesn’t jump from one ideology to another. He finds value not in ideologies, but in human life.”

It was the first Ukrainian project to be selected in the professional script-development program Equinoxe in Bavaria, Germany, Trofimenko says. “I had the opportunity to work on finalising the script with experts from around the world... America, Europe, Asia, Australia – they all agree this story must be told, they find it universal and understandable to everyone, because it’s about confrontation.”

Her second project, one she is still seeking funding for, is a story of redemption. “Lucifer decides to return to the ‘light’ and become God’s favourite angel again as he was at the beginning of creation. To prove his intentions to God, Lucifer takes human form, that of an acclaimed and rich artist who travels to India for charity. It is in India he meets a very special human who seduces him.”

There is lot more to come from this silver-screen storyteller. Stay tuned.

## ADVICE FROM THE STEELY TROFIMENKO

When Trofimenko announced her intention to direct to her dad, his reaction was less than favourable. “Vika, go through the theatre credits and find at least one female director named.” Her reply was curt. “I’ll be the first...” Clearly I was not the first, but still, the film-direction landscape is still male dominated.”

In September, she took her project *Yakiv* to Bavaria for a script workshop. “Of eight projects from around the world, there was only one author that was a woman – me and my *Yakiv*, the other seven projects were by men. They were surprised. We need to learn to claim some of this territory for women. It’s a challenge. And nothing is impossible. The main thing: do not stop, no matter how hard it is, the main thing is to continue, which is in a way the most difficult thing. Do not give up, try again and again, go on no matter what.”



# What's Important

THE SUCCESS OF A COUNTRY'S SOCIAL SERVICES ARE THE BACKBONE OF A TRULY DEMOCRATIC AND WELL-FUNCTIONING SOCIETY. WHILE UKRAINE HAS YET TO LIVE UP TO ITS POTENTIAL IN THIS AREA, ASSISTANSPOOLEN – A NEW SWEDISH-BASED COMPANY ABOUT TO OPEN ITS DOORS HERE IN KYIV – FILLS THE GAP.

Lana Nicole Niland

The Swedish model of social welfare is hard to beat. While taxes are high, so too is the country's standard of living, entitling everyone to quality health care, family services, and other social benefits, regardless of income. For Carina Ryder and her family, the idea that she might be able to help Ukrainian families look after their loved ones with truly meaningful care is a "dream".

## A POOL OF POSSIBILITIES

The Swedish island of Oland is where Carina and her sister Annette spent their childhood. An injury to her back since birth means Annette has used a wheelchair for much of her life. Rather than have her daughter placed in an institution, the girls' mother wanted Annette to have her own place. But she also wanted to have a say in who was going to help take care of her.

"My whole family, created a home for my sister and three of her friends, who also had disabilities. They each had their own small apartment, with one shared space, and everyone had their own personal assistant." The process allowed Ryder's mother the opportunity to get a real feel for what the industry needed and what might still be lacking. Wanting to help others make the transition and ensure a certain standard of care, Assisianspoolen was formed.

That was 24 years ago. Since then, the company has been taken over by Ryder and her husband, and has grown to in-

*"We plan to take 4% of our turnover to use as non-profit services, so those who cannot afford to pay can also be helped"*

clude a client list of 76, and personal assistants numbering more than 450. "We have it really good in Sweden – we have laws that mean everyone is taken care of, so I have this dream to help others," says Ryder.

The idea to start something here in Kyiv came after a visit to a centre for disabled



## Pooling Resources for a Better Life

children in November 2016. "We were also able to visit the homes of some children – it was shocking. This one woman was living with her 21-year old disabled daughter in a (communal space). To wash her, she had to carry her down the stairs and wait for someone to help carry her back up. This to me was so hard."

## FILLING IN THE GAP

Over the last year, the group has been hard at work developing the business for Ukrainian clients, focusing on care for disabled persons, but also bringing in services for cleaning, nanny/daycare, and elderly care.

More than just a business, Assisianspoolen looks to create a completely different approach to welfare, and not just concerning their clients – their staff as well. "We offer training, called "The Life Leadership". We believe that if we educate and take care of our staff, they will be proud of what they are doing" which positively affects all involved.

Not only will staff treatment perfect international standards, but the company's operational system is also quite impressive, which includes a unique QR code for each individual client. When staff come in to clean, for example, all they need

to do is scan the code and the necessary tasks appear. And this will be the case for all employees – whether cleaner, nanny, or personal assistant.

Ryder gets excited: "But there will be so much more! We will also have key lock boxes that require either a QR code or fingerprint to unlock," which makes the key for the premises available "We don't want our staff compromised when they are travelling through the city," she continues. "We want everyone to be safe and secure."

At some point, Ryder wants to bring people with disabilities on staff. For now, she is happy to report that part of their project is also non-profit. "We plan to take 4% of our turnover to use as non-profit services, so those who cannot afford to pay can also be helped."

Though this is the first time this business model is implemented outside of Sweden, Ryder has big plans: "we want to move into other cities of Ukraine. And then the rest of the world!"

Locals who know about the project think, "it's amazing", she says. "Those who have the means send their loved ones abroad to get the help and care they need. There will be a day soon when they can bring them home to get that same assistance."

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🌐 [www.freedomhall.com.ua](http://www.freedomhall.com.ua)

## Street Jazz – Kusturica (jazz, blues)

📅 **20 January at 19.00**

📍 *House of Architects (Hrinchenko 7)*

📞 225-450 UAH

🌐 [www.concert.ua/ru/eventpage/street-jazz-kusturica](http://www.concert.ua/ru/eventpage/street-jazz-kusturica)

## Bones (US, hip-hop, cloud rap)

📅 **21 January at 19.00**

📍 *Bingo (Pr Pobedy 112)*

📞 800-1500 UAH

🌐 [www.bingo.ua](http://www.bingo.ua)

## Irina Fedishin (pop)

📅 **21 January at 20.00**

📍 *International Centre of Culture and Arts (Nebesnoi Sotni Alley 1)*

📞 330-1 200 UAH

🌐 [www.icca.kiev.ua](http://www.icca.kiev.ua)

## Hudaki Village Band (folk, pop)

📅 **26 January at 20.00**

📍 *Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)*

📞 200-550 UAH

🌐 [www.caribbean.com.ua](http://www.caribbean.com.ua)

## Ray Collins Hot-Club (DE, jazz, swing)

📅 **3 February at 19.00**

📍 *Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)*

📞 560-1 100 UAH

🌐 [www.caribbean.com.ua](http://www.caribbean.com.ua)

## YUKO (electropop, folk, house)

📅 **9 February at 20.00**

📍 *Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)*

📞 249-490 UAH

🌐 [www.etage.kiev.ua](http://www.etage.kiev.ua)

## National Selection for Eurovision Song Contest 2018, First Semifinal

📅 **10 February at 18.00**

📍 *Palace of Culture and Arts NTUU*

“KPI” (Pr Pobedy 37)

📞 250-1 290 UAH

🌐 [www.ckm.kpi.ua](http://www.ckm.kpi.ua)

## 4 Positions Of Bruno (RU, electronic)

📅 **10 February at 19.00**

📍 *Mezzanine (Nizhnyurkovskaya 31)*

📞 250 UAH

🌐 [mezzaninekyiv](https://www.facebook.com/mezzaninekyiv)

## SHADAZZ, Special guest Edison's Garden (alternative rock, indie)

📅 **11 February at 19.00**

📍 *Docker Pub (Bogatyrskaya 25)*

📞 100-1 050 UAH

🌐 [www.docker.com.ua](http://www.docker.com.ua)

## Thomas Anders (DE, pop, eurodance)

📅 **13 February at 20.00**

📍 *Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivskaya 103)*

📞 450-3 450 UAH

🌐 [www.palace-ukraine.com](http://www.palace-ukraine.com)

## Mountain Breeze (pop, indie)

📅 **14 February at 19.00**

📍 *Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)*

📞 199-1 499 UAH

🌐 [www.etage.kiev.ua](http://www.etage.kiev.ua)



## FORGET ABOUT INSECTS

**Crazy Town (US, rap rock)**

📅 **23 January at 19.00**

📍 *Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)*

A couple of crazies from LA are headed for Kyiv this month – Bret “Epic” Mazur and Seth “Shifty” Binze are the boys behind rap rock band Crazy Town, who, in 2004, set the charts on fire with their single *Butterfly*. The song hit the top of the US Billboard Hot 100 chart, which meant more than 1.5 million copies of album *The Gift of Game* sold. Now, with a new line-up, Crazy Town are bringing their new hip-hop metal rock mixes to the Ukrainian capital – come, come my Kyiv!

📞 360-680 UAH

🌐 [www.etage.kiev.ua](http://www.etage.kiev.ua)



## CALL OF AMORE

**Eve Cornelious (US, jazz)**

📅 **14 February at 20.00**

📍 *Vysotsky Gallery (Vozdvizhenskaya 40)*

Eve Cornelious is a star on the horizon of a music style somewhat forgotten. Developing her own style, this New Jersey native made her debut at a televised vocal competition, and has since gone on to

win numerous awards, such as the Indie Award, the Jazz Composers Fellowship Award, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Performance Award, and more. Her racy voice will pierce the senses and melt the heart of your sweetheart this Valentine's Day. Don't miss it.

📞 1 200 UAH

🌐 [vysotskygallery](https://www.facebook.com/vysotskygallery)

# Art & Family | January – February 2018



## CHRISTMAS LIBRETTO

Exhibition of sketches and decorations from ballets *The Nutcracker*, *The Snow Queen*, and others

📅 3-31 January

📍 Sofia Kyivska National Museum (Volodymyrska 24, building 3)

You've undoubtedly enjoyed the delights of *The Nutcracker* and other holiday favourites at the National Opera of Ukraine. To witness the way these ballets were decorated nearly a century ago, take time to take in this exhibition. It gives one and all the chance to peek under the curtain of great theatre mystery.

📌 /events/1774964145878531/



## DUO

Exhibition of paintings by Mykhaylo Deyak and art-objects by Rudolf Burda (Czech Republic)

📅 25 January – 18 February

📍 Voloshyn Gallery (Tereshchenkivska 13)

After presenting works last year by artists Mykhaylo Deyak and Rudolf Burda at an art-show in Basel, Switzerland, the Voloshyn Gallery invites lovers of art to enjoy them here in Kyiv. Deyak with his deep and meditative landscapes on canvas, and Burda sharing his infinity for minimalistic space-like art-objects of glass and steel make up this drastic yet alluring exhibition.

🌐 www.voloshyngallery.art

## City Kha

Exhibition of artworks by artists from Kharkiv

📅 16 December – 18 February

📍 National Art Museum (Hrushevskoho 6)

📌 10-40 UAH

🌐 namu.kiev.ua

## My Mountains

Exhibition of sculptures by Yuriy Musatov

📅 19 December – 27 January

📍 Shcherbenko Art Centre (Mykhaykivska 22v)

📌 Free

🌐 www.shcherbenkoartcentre.com

## Invisible

Exhibition of works

by Mariya Prymachenko

📅 21 December – 21 January

📍 Taras Shevchenko National Museum (Shevchenko Blvd 12)

🌐 www.museumshevchenko.org.ua



## TASTY REMESLO CRAFT FESTIVAL

Festival of culinary art

📅 27-28 January

📍 Atmosfera Trade Centre (Stolychne Shose 103)

Winter is a time for long cosy evenings and tasty creations! If you still haven't quite found your calling regarding the latter, the Tasty Remeslo Craft Festival is a must – you'll meet up with local Ukrainian farmers, their products, the latest in culinary trends and design ideas, culinary master classes, and the best part of all, taste tests! Make sure you set aside the whole weekend.

📌 Free

📌 /events/592808231110751/

## The Snow is Coming to Town

Theatre play for kids

📅 27 January at 12.00

📍 Bozha Korivka Theatre (Mykhaylivska 24)

📌 150 UAH

🌐 www.nut.kiev.ua

## The Story of Kai and Gerda

Opera for kids

📅 27 January at 12.00

📍 Kyiv Municipal Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet for Kids (Mezhyhirska 2)

📌 30-150 UAH

🌐 www.musictheatre.kiev.ua

## Holiday Alchemy

Performance for kids

📅 27 January at 10.00

📍 State Toy Museum (Klovsky uzviz 8)

📌 20 UAH

📌 /events/792653854279195/

## 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)

📌 +38 044 235 3290

## Homemade chocolate master-class

📅 27 January at 11.00

📍 Znayka family club (Kostyantynivska 46/52)

📌 220 UAH

🌐 https://goo.gl/V8cnuI

## Irish Music Family Concert

📅 28 January at 11.00

📍 BabyMazoart (Klmebytskoho 7)

📌 150 UAH

📌 /events/1975801359343018/



## SNOWTUBING IS FUN

open-air entertainment program

📅 15 – 30 January

📍 Spivoche pole (Lavrska 33)

When was the last time you tried tobogganing? Take your kids – no matter big or small – and enjoy some fabulous winter fun at Spivoche Pole! In addition to snowy hills, you'll enjoy giant snow sculptures, an exhibition of frozen flowers, and after all the fun, warm yourself up in the onsite food court.

📌 50 UAH

📌 spivochepole

WANT TO ATTEND KYIV'S 'LOFTIEST' THEATRE? HEAD UP TO THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE DOVZHENKO CENTRE, UKRAINE'S LARGEST FILM ARCHIVE, AND EXPLORE STAGE 6 – A PLATFORM FOR INDEPENDENT THEATRES AND EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCES. BIG SPACE. NO CURTAINS. FULL AUDIENCE INVOLVEMENT.



Anna Azarova

# New Stage

## A New Age of Ukrainian Theatre

Stage 6 (Tsena 6) emerged within the walls of this former motion picture printing shop thanks to the efforts of four inspiring individuals – Oleksiy Ananov, project author and presenter at 112 Ukraine; Yaroslava Kravchenko, Dykiy (Wild) Theatre founder; Serhiy Perekrest, stage director; and Volodymyr Sheiko, director of arts at the British Council.

Launched in early September, Stage 6 made a 'combat' style debut. Right off the top, it co-hosted GogolFest, Ukraine's most influential festival. International and local actors, dancers, and musicians showcased their versatile talents to sold-out crowds. Soon after, it became a venue for yet another important event – Taking the Stage, the new British drama mini-festival. The space literally came to life and got a sense of purpose – to bring together people and projects generating creative breakthroughs at an intersection of different genres.

### INDEPENDENT THEATRE AS PHENOMENON

Unlike cinema or literature, theatre responds to historical moments as they happen, in fact it is one of its key features. In the wake of the Euromaidan protests, independent (non-state) theatre became noticeable to rival contemporary art that previously dominated public attention. The reason was simple – theatre was immedi-

ately reacting to what was going on in the country and producing up-to-date stuff. "Theatre ought to be first of all socially oriented", explains Ananov. "Even classics should address crucial issues facing us here and now."

Relevance comes second, as audiences tend to identify themselves with what unravels on stage. "It should appeal personally, even if it is a Shakespeare's play," comments Ananov. The play *Vitalik* is a good example. Vitalik is like a present-day *Hamlet*, a middle-aged man, who moves from Mariupol to Kyiv. He witnesses both Maidan revolutions, in 2004 and in 2014. His personal and professional life is a mess. Confused and tired, he sets off on a journey of self-discovery. "When you watch the play, you realise it refers to 70% of your colleagues. It is about you and me," says Ananov.

Based on facts, *Our Schoolmates* tells a story about complicated Polish-Jewish relations in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. However, it is also about Ilovaisk, Slovyansk, Luhansk; it's about far right parties and LGBT representatives; and it's about a misunderstanding between individuals erupting into a national-level conflict.

### SMALLER PARTS OF A LARGE WHOLE

Passion is the third component. Sometimes independent theatre hires amateurs who lack skills but act with passion. They chase

neither money, nor fame – they reflect their inner selves and communicate with audiences.

Innovation encompasses the fourth ingredient. As independent theatre often can't afford advanced technical equipment, directors have to invent new approaches to staging – both effective and impressive.

I would add a fifth aspect typical of independent theatre – a democratic atmosphere and a focus on thought-provoking or even scandalous plays, like *Tom at the Farm*.

"Academic Ivan Franko or Lesia Ukrainka theatres have long formed their audiences from generation to generation. Our audiences – mainly 25- to 35-year olds – come from diverse backgrounds. They do not have a vast theatre experience, but they do

*"Theatre ought to be first of all socially oriented"*

soul search. We want to build a community of individuals who will contemplate what they watch here and share their thoughts with others," says Ananov.

### MULTI-GENRE ART CLUSTER

Stage 6 boasts a large transformer-stage, 300-seat hall, smaller hall, rehearsal rooms, and lobby, with some facilities still under renovation. The platform will also host a choreography workshop and music corner, and be part of a big cultural cluster based on the Dovzhenko Centre, accommodating the Plivka art space, Uho music agency, Black Box media art school, a photo school, and bookstore. The Cinema Museum and Multimedia library will be launched in future.

Currently, Stage 6 cooperates with Dykiy Theatre and Serhiy Perekrest, as well as the Theatre Union of Artists, Writers, Actors, and Musicians. "We have just started. We would like to partner with other independent Kyiv-based groups like Misanthrope, Teatr Pereselentsya (Theatre of Displaced People), and Theatre Practicum, as well as exciting projects in Kharkiv and Lviv," Ananov explains.

Above all, however, Stage 6 is establishing strong relationships between audiences and performers to make true theatre happen.

### Stage 6

📍 *Dovzhenko Centre (Vasylkivska 1)*

📱 FB scene6



### CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES AT STAGE 6

For Love (performance)	18 January
Joy Division (concert performance)	19 January
Tom at the Farm (play)	22 January
Turkestan-SiberianRailway (musical film-performance)	25 January
Bread (musical film-performance)	26 January
Kill (toxic thriller)	27 January
Our Schoolmates (play)	28 January, 25 February
Oxygen (play)	31 January, 14 February
Viy2.0	10 February
Transformation Coefficient (contemporary dance)	5 March



## UKRAINIAN BALLAD UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

**Marusya Churai (poetic drama, premiere)**

📅 **9 and 10 February at 19.00**

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

For the first time ever, Kyiv's Operetta Theatre stages *Marusya Churai* – a historical novel in verse by major contemporary Ukrainian poet and writer, Lina Kostenko. The epic and lyrical poem is considered an artistic encyclopaedia of the Ukrainian people living in the 17th century. The performance, or rather a poetic drama, conveys the spirit of the epoch through authentic music and song. Grab tickets to attend the premiere – a relevant performance responding to the demands of our modern society.

🎫 40-350 UAH

🌐 [www.operetta.com.ua](http://www.operetta.com.ua)

## Push Up 1-3 – Under Pressure

Chamber play

📅 **19 January at 19.00**

📍 **New Drama Theatre at Pechersk**  
(Nemyrovycha-Danchenko 5)

🎫 120 UAH

🌐 [www.newtheatre.kiev.ua](http://www.newtheatre.kiev.ua)

## Silent Film and Jazz

Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights* with score by Ukrainian pianist Pavel Ignatyev

📅 **23 January at 19.00**

📍 **House of Architects (Hrinchenka 7)**

🎫 200-300 UAH

🌐 [www.kiev.karabas.com](http://www.kiev.karabas.com)



## WANT A GOOD LAUGH?

**IMPROV Workshop in English (improvisation theatre)**

📅 **21 and 28 January at 13.00**

📍 **ProEnglish Hub (3 Smolenska)**

Improvisational comedy and real life have much more in common than it might seem. The outer world shifts on a daily basis to challenge us with unexpected twists, turns, and tangles. If you want to win a game ruled by spontaneity, unleash your creative powers through improvisation. No script, no preparation, no clue – you are the master of the moment. Remember, the best things in life are not always planned!

🎫 250 UAH (150 UAH for current Pro-Englishers)

🌐 [www.proenglishtheatre.com](http://www.proenglishtheatre.com)

## Maria. Tangus Dei

Mystery in tango rhythm based on the Piazzolla operetta

📅 **26 January at 19.00**

📍 **National Philharmonic of Ukraine**  
(Volodymyrskyi Descent 2)

🎫 70-250 UAH

🌐 [filarmonia.com.ua](http://filarmonia.com.ua)

## Girl with a Teddy Bear, or the Adolescent

Love without taboo in 2 acts, premiere

📅 **26 and 27 January at 19.00**

📍 **Kyiv Academic Drama Theatre on Podil (new stage, Andriivskyi Descent 20b)**

🎫 120-500 UAH

🌐 [www.theatreonpodol.com](http://www.theatreonpodol.com)

## What Is Your Name?

Subtle French comedy

📅 **28 January at 19.00**

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

🎫 180-530 UAH

🌐 [www.knmau.com.ua](http://www.knmau.com.ua)

## La Vida Es Asi

Tango De Verdad

📅 **29 January at 19.00**

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

🎫 200-600 UAH

🌐 [www.operetta.com.ua](http://www.operetta.com.ua)

## Most Wanted Show

Gangster style performance, Kyiv Jazz Theatre

📅 **1 February at 19.30**

📍 **European Theatre Centre Krakow**  
(Rusanivska Naberezhna 12)

🎫 100-150 UAH

📌 [etc.krakiv](https://www.facebook.com/etc.krakiv)

## Forest Song

3D ballet, OSDC modern choreography theatre

📅 **2 February at 20.00**

📍 **Kyiv Planetarium (V Vasylkivska 57/3)**

🎫 150-350 UAH

🌐 [www.planet.org.ua](http://www.planet.org.ua)

## The Fourth Sister

Black comedy in 2 acts

📅 **10 February at 19.00**

📍 **Kyiv Academic Molodyi Theatre (Prorizna 17)**

🎫 100-300 UAH

🌐 [www.molodyytheatre.com](http://www.molodyytheatre.com)

## Music of Hearts

Festive show

📅 **14 February at 19.00**

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

🎫 50-500 UAH

🌐 [www.operetta.com.ua](http://www.operetta.com.ua)

## Love Stories for Adults

Cabaret-comedy

📅 **14 February at 19.00**

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

🎫 150-450 UAH

📌 [central.house.of.officers](https://www.facebook.com/central.house.of.officers)



## NEW AGE MAGIC

**The Illusionists (international, magic production)**

📅 **7-11 February at 16.00, 18.00, 19.00, and 20.00**

📍 **Palace Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)**

This story began on Broadway with a performance showcasing tricks of the seven greatest wizards on earth. Each of them rivalling Harry Potter, their brain-blowing stunts and sophisticated acts of levitation and disappearance challenge the laws of physics and make audiences of all ages drop their jaws in wonder. For years, the show has been breaking box office records around the globe. Contemporary aesthetics and fabulous costumes lend a theatrical flavour to the miraculous production.

🎫 590-3 590 UAH

🌐 [www.palace-ukraine.com](http://www.palace-ukraine.com)



## FRENCH DJ DUDE

### David Guetta (FR, DJ, electronic)

📅 28 January at 19.00

📍 International Exhibition Centre (Brovarskiy Pr 15)

David Guetta is rightfully considered one of the most popular and authoritative electronic musicians on the modern stage. The two time Grammy Award winner has remained in the British magazine DJ Mag's Top 100 DJs for the last decade. Stars literally stand in line to work with him as a music producer, and he has collaborated with artists such as David Bowie, Justin Bieber, Rihanna, John Legend, Bruno Mars, Nicki Minaj, and many more. This is a big deal for Kyiv – don't miss out.

🎫 999 – 11 999 UAH

🌐 [goo.gl/Q2e8Lh](http://goo.gl/Q2e8Lh)

### Jazz at Closer. Session #132

📅 18 January at 20.00

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska St 31)

🎫 150 UAH

📱 closerkiev

### Republik

📅 20 January at 23.00

📍 Otel (Nizhnoyurkivska 31)

📞 call to enquire

📱 otelleto

### Kyiv Vogueing Nights Vol 3

📅 20 January at 21.00

📍 K.Point (Hlybochytka 72)

🎫 129 – 209 UAH

📱 kpointplace

### Voloshyn/Vaschenko

📅 20 January at 23.00

📍 001 (T Shevchenko 4B)

🎫 100 UAH

📱 fspace

### 80s and 90s Diskoteka

📅 21 January at 22.00

📍 Freedom (Kyrylivska 134)

🎫 350 UAH

🌐 [www.freedomhall.com.ua](http://www.freedomhall.com.ua)

### House Authority

📅 26 January at 23.00

📍 Indigo Project (Kudryashova 3)

📞 call to enquire

📱 indigo.ambitious

### Betoko (MX)

📅 26 January at 23.00

📍 Skybar (Arena City, V Vasylykivska 5)

📞 call to enquire

☎ +38 044 223 8888

### Dom 44

📅 27 January at 22.00

📍 Regenschirm (Khoyvaya 25)

📞 call to enquire

📱 regenschirmbar

### Magdalena (Diyynamic, DE)

📅 27 January at 23.59

📍 CHI by Decadence House (Parkova 16a, Kyiv)

📞 call to enquire

☎ +38 067 488 2013

## FEEL THESE DRUMZ (D'N'B PART VOL3)

📅 19 January at 23.00

📍 Around (Lesi Ukrainky 28V)

Kick off 2018 right with Kyiv's first drum'n'bass party, featuring Panton from Poland. Locals Strictly, Slimjah, and FTDZ will be on hand to help out, and ensure the party stays on track. Only 18+ allowed into this jam session. Come prepared to dance 'til morning. Over and out.

📞 call to enquire

📱 [lumberroom.dnb](https://www.facebook.com/lumberroom.dnb)

### Dance & Cocktail (Svitlo Project)

📅 27 January at 20.00

📍 The Park (Parkova 16a)

🎫 250 UAH

🌐 [www.svitloconcert.com](http://www.svitloconcert.com)

### Velvet Seasons & The Hearts Of Gold (UK)

📅 2 February at 23.59

📍 Haze (Reitarskaya 16)

📞 call to enquire

📱 [hazehairdressingbar](https://www.facebook.com/hazehairdressingbar)

### Zenker Brothers (DE, break)

📅 3 February at 23.55

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska St 31)

📞 call to enquire

📱 closerkiev

### Ray Collins' HOT CLUB: Juicy Beats Party #7

📅 3 February at 19.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

🎫 560 – 1 100 UAH

☎ +38 067 224 4111

### Super Flu (Monaberry, Germany)

📅 3 February at 23.59

📍 CHI by Decadence House (Parkova 16a, Kyiv)

📞 call to enquire

☎ +38 067 488 2013

### Caribbean Jazz Dinner Show: Freedom Jazz

📅 8 February at 20.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

🎫 1 590 – 3 900 UAH

☎ +38 067 224 4111

### Alden Tyrell (NL)

📅 9 February at 23.59

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska St 31)

📞 call to enquire

📱 closerkiev

### Steve Bug (DE)

📅 10 February at 23.59

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska St 31)

📞 call to enquire

📱 closerkiev

### Vstavka Techno

📅 10 February at 23.00

📍 Otel (Nizhnoyurkivska 31)

📞 call to enquire

📱 otelleto

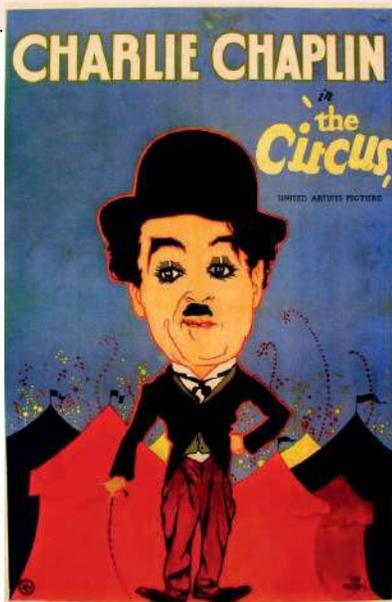
### Lama

📅 14 February at 20.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

🎫 390 – 1 160 UAH

☎ +38 067 224 4111



## Charlie Chaplin Silent Films & Jazz Program

📍 *Architect's House (Grinchenka 7)*  
 🎫 200-300 UAH  
 🌐 [www.kinopanorama.com.ua](http://www.kinopanorama.com.ua)

## The Circus

The famed silent comedy by Charlie Chaplin

📅 30 January

## City Lights

Romantic comedy written, produced, directed, and starring Chaplin

📅 13 February

## The Shape of Water (2017, adventure, fantasy)

At a top-secret research facility in the 1960s, a lonely janitor forms a unique relationship with an amphibious creature being held in captivity.

📅 20-21, 27-28 January  
 📍 *Zhovten (Kostyantynivska 26)*  
 🎫 70-100 UAH  
 🌐 [www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua](http://www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua)

## Tuesday Evenings at Cinema Citi

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.

📅 **Every Tuesday at 19.00**  
 📍 *Cinema Citi (Ocean Plaza, Antonovycha 176)*  
 🎫 120 UAH  
 🌐 [www.cinemaciti.ua](http://www.cinemaciti.ua)

## BRITISH THEATRE IN CINEMA

In original language with Ukrainian subtitles

📍 *Kiev Kino (V. Vasylkivska 19)*  
 🎫 175 UAH  
 🌐 [www.kievkino.com.ua](http://www.kievkino.com.ua)

## Yerma

(based on Federico García Lorca novel)

📅 23 January

## A Woman of No Importance

(based on Oscar Wilde novel)

📅 6 February



## USYK IN WORLD BOXING SUPER SERIES SEMIS

📅 27 January 19:00

📍 *Arena Riga in Riga, Latvia*

Ukraine's undefeated 2012 Olympic champion and current WBO cruiserweight champion Oleksandr Usyk (13-0-0, 11 KOs) will take another step in unifying the cruiserweight crowns when he meets Latvia's Mairis Briedis (23-0, 18 KOs) in Riga on 27 January in a World Boxing Super Series semi-final. Designed to unify the belts in boxing's cruiserweight and super middleweight classes, the event features many of the divisions' top fighters. In addition to becoming the division's undisputed world champion, the tournament winner receives the Muhammad Ali Trophy and a cool \$10 million USD.  
 🌐 [www.worldboxingsuperseries.com](http://www.worldboxingsuperseries.com)

## CSKA Kyiv – Ukrainian Men's SuperLeague Handball

📅 17 January at 17:00 vs. Donbas

📅 31 January at 17:00 vs. Motor

Zaporizhiye

📅 10 February at 17:00 vs. Portovik

📍 *Kyiv Sports Lyceum (Heroes of Sevastopol 37)*

🎫 Free

🌐 [www.handball.net.ua](http://www.handball.net.ua)

## Budivelnyk Kyiv – Ukrainian SuperLeague Basketball

📅 18 January vs. Kharkiv Polytechnic

📅 20 January vs. Dnepr

📅 15 February vs. Mykolaiv

📍 *Kyiv Palace of Sports (Sportivna Pl 1)*

🌐 [www.budivelnyk.ua](http://www.budivelnyk.ua)

## Ukraine National Basketball Team – European Championship Qualification

📅 10 February vs. Spain

📍 *Kyiv Palace of Sports (Sportivna Pl 1)*

🎫 60 – 500 UAH

📱 /events/1504701119643975



## Ukrainian Fashion Week

FW 18-19

📅 3-8 February

📍 *Mystetskiy Arsenal (Lavrska 10-12)*

🎫 by invitation only

📱 [ukrainianfashionweek](https://www.facebook.com/ukrainianfashionweek)

## Walrusfest

Fun in the snow!

📅 19-20 January

📍 *X-Park (Moskovskiy Bridge)*

🌐 [www.xpark.kiev.ua](http://www.xpark.kiev.ua)

## Respublicafest

Music and Street Art Fest

📅 3-4 February

📍 *K.Point (Hlybochytyska 72)*

🎫 100-250 UAH

📱 [kpointplace](https://www.facebook.com/kpointplace)

## Aperitif

📅 3-4 February

📍 *Vsi Svoi (Desyatyna 12)*

🎫 Entrance: FREE

📱 [vsi.svoi](https://www.facebook.com/vsi.svoi)

## Kyiv Battle 2018

Crossfit Challenge

📅 3-4 February

📍 *AKKO International Exhibition Centre (Pr Pobedy 40b)*

📱 call to enquire

🌐 [Kyivbattle.org](http://Kyivbattle.org)



## CAN YOU FEEL THE RHYTHM?

### Sukhishvili Georgian National Ballet (GE, national dance)

📅 7-11 March at 19.00

📍 Palace Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

Since its inception, this ensemble has performed to more than 90 million people across the globe, unfailingly receiving thunderous applause whenever they go. Rightfully called 'a hurricane on stage', 'unrivalled phenomenon', and 'the eighth wonder of the world', these hot-tempered Georgian dancers return to Kyiv to show off their incredible footwork coupled with pulsing energy and national charisma. Don't miss the mind-blowing Sukhishvili Georgian National Ballet, featuring 100 dancers, 2 500 flamboyant costumes, and one powerful orchestra with unique instruments.

🎫 200 – 1 750 UAH

🌐 [palace-ukraine.com](http://palace-ukraine.com)

## SURE TO BE GOOD

### Dynamo to face AEK Athens in Europa League Playoffs

📅 22 February at 20:05

📍 Olympic Stadium (V Vasylkivska 55)

Dynamo looks to pick up where they left off when the Europa League resumes with a Round of 32 tie against AEK Athens on 15 and 22 February. Kyiv controlled Group B with a 4-1-1 record, while Athens managed only a single win in six fixtures (1-5-0). Led by Europa League leading scorer Junior Moraes (6), Europe's 26<sup>th</sup>-ranked club has been a goal-scoring machine, averaging 2.5 a game. They will like their chances against a No. 37-ranked Athens side that has netted only six times in six games. This will be the first time the two sides meet. Get your tickets early as this game will likely sell out.

🎫 35 – 800 UAH

🌐 [fcdynamo.kiev.ua](http://fcdynamo.kiev.ua)

## NO WINKS

### White Nights Festival

📅 15-17 June

📍 Art Zavod Platforma (Belomorskaya 1)

Music, light, art installations, five dance-floors, and your favourite cocktails – it's all part and parcel of one of this summer's hottest events. Featuring all of the sounds of a sizzling summer, from disco to drum'n'bass, some of Europe's biggest and best DJs are lining up to keep you on your feet until 10.00! Stay tuned for more. Must be 18 to enter. Prepare not to sleep a wink.

🎫 549 UAH

🌐 [concert.ua](http://concert.ua)



## BOOK ARSENAL

### Book fair-market

📅 30 May-3 June

📍 Mystetskiy Arsenal (Lavrska 10-12)

Book Arsenal is one of the annual key cultural events in Kyiv, attracting more than 50 000 visitors to Mystetskiy Arsenal every year. And it's not about books only – the five-day program includes public talks, lectures, art exhibitions, concerts, and theatre performances. The event is usually hosted by several world-famous writers, so be sure to mark the dates in your calendar – you'll want to be part of it.

🌐 [artarsenal.in.ua](http://artarsenal.in.ua)

## BE WARY

### Nothing But Thieves (UK, alternative rock)

📅 10 April at 20.00

📍 Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)

They have no problems with the law. The only thing they may steal is your attention, which, after the first song you hear, will be easily be all theirs. The five-man English band from Essex plays a fabulous selection of melodic modern rock. At the same time, the powerful voice of the lead vocalist Conor Mason puts a sensual and tangible value into their songs. Bringing their newest album *Broken Machine* to Kyiv this spring, this will be the second time they grace the Ukrainian capital. The first saw them partying together with our own The Hardkiss as well as The Kills, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers at the U-Park fest in 2016.

🎫 790 – 2 200 UAH

🌐 [concert.ua](http://concert.ua)



## FILL UP BEFORE LENT

### Maslyana in Ancient Kyiv

📅 17-18 February

📍 Kyiv Rus Park (Kopachiv village, Obukhiv region)

Ukrainians love winter and its holidays and even have a farewell party for the cold season, called Maslyana. On this day, we say goodbye to winter and begin the countdown to Easter. Head out to Kyiv Rus Park, just 50 or so km from Kyiv, where you'll be invited to ride horses, fill your belly with mlintsi and other national dishes, and dance and be entertained around the fire. With the recreation of the Kyiv Rus fortress as backdrop, the weekend is sure to be very special.

🎫 100-200 UAH

🌐 [parkkyivrus.com](http://parkkyivrus.com)

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## Are you perpetuating corruption?

Is it 'bizness' as usual in your business? Realtor with more than 20 years of experience in Ukraine, Terry Pickard, shares his thoughts.

### LOOK AT HOME

Back in the day, it was common practice in grocery stores for sugar to be sold damp to increase the weight. Or, for the scales to be 'fixed' to add weight, with the surplus sold as 'specials' for birthdays, weddings, and so on. This was 'bizness' – an expression that continues to this day. Corruption is not exclusive to this part of the world and certainly exists elsewhere. The difference is that in more recent times, much of the western world has taken steps to defeat it.

While major western institutions repeatedly and justifiably complain about Ukraine's failure to address this issue with any fortitude, there are some institutions in Ukraine that, may be inadvertently, naively, or unwillingly perpetuating corruption within their own organisations.

Here's a few ways to check.

### WESTERN BANK MANAGERS: CHECK OPERATIONS

Until recently, many local banks worked with just a small list of accredited valuers.

Getting on the list was achieved by paying someone in the bank a substantial amount of cash. The scam then usually went something like this: you pay the accreditor to get accredited, then anybody applying for a loan must use a valuer from the accredited list. On the other side, the valuer is then paid by the potential borrower to inflate the value of the loan collateral by 20% (or more).

In 2009, when the property market really turned sour, many banks were faced with a significant problem: if an original value was 100, but the stated value was 120, and the bank had loaned 70% of the inflated appraised value of 120, the actual loan amount was 84, but when actual prices dropped by 40%, the real collateral value was just 60.

### FRIENDS OF THE EMBASSY?

Generally, acquisition or leasing of embassy premises are handled by special representatives who directly represent their governments, so there is little to no opportunity for 'fiddling' in this area. However, leases for residential accommodation for diplomats are often handled by local embassy staff, and so for this particular sector the situation can be somewhat different.

If a scam does exist in these circumstances, it usually occurs in this fashion: the relevant person in the embassy often has a friend or

relative who is a residential real estate 'expert' and the task of sourcing residential real estate is passed to that individual. The embassy pays the agent a normal fee for this type of service, probably 50% of one month's rent. The agent then pays 50% of this fee back to the embassy employee who engaged them. It's not complicated, but it's probably more prevalent than you think.

### BUSINESS – THE REAL HONEY POT

International companies operating in Ukraine typically have local staff who are long term, whereas expat management get rotated after three to five year assignments. The result can be a sort of internal mafia who keep control of certain matters inside the company.

In real estate terms, a scam can occur when a company needs to relocate their offices and usually works like this: a tender for relocation services is issued to several real estate agencies and bids are received in response. The company official responsible then reviews the offers and suggests a specific agent to lower their price just enough to win the "tender" and the informative insider is given a bonus for their help. This used to be the norm for all government related tenders. To combat such practices, a transparent tender system called ProZorro was introduced, but these practices are still sadly common in private business.



## Taxation of Foreigners in Ukraine

Everlegal knows their stuff. In recent years the number of foreign individuals doing business and making foreign investments in Ukraine has increased. In this article they look at key aspects of taxation for expats in Ukraine in the context of real estate transactions, employment, and taxation of registered individual entrepreneurs.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Taxation of foreign individuals in real estate transactions depends on whether one is a seller or a purchaser. For example, on the sale of residential real estate the seller has to pay state duty in the amount of 1% of the purchase price. In addition, the seller has to pay personal income tax to the amount of 18% and military tax to the amount of 1.5% of the purchase price. Personal income tax and military tax are not paid if (1) the property is owned by the seller less than three years, and (2) during the year a person sold no more than one piece of real estate. The purchaser has to pay pension fund duty to the amount of 1% of the purchase price. The taxation rules may also differ depending on the type of real estate (eg land or res-

idential/commercial property) and type of transaction (eg, sale, gift, etc).

### EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

If a foreigner hires Ukrainian taxpayers, he or she must calculate and deduct from an individual's salary their income tax at the rate of 18% and military tax of 1.5%, as well as pay such amount to the overall budget. They also have to pay to the budget a single social contribution of 22% on top of salary (subject to a statutory cap). The relevant reporting must be filed with the tax authority. The same rules apply to a foreign individual hired under Ukrainian law (those employed under a work permit and having a tax identification number).

Expats who are tax residents in Ukraine can benefit from a network of double tax treaties (DTTs) to which Ukraine is party. DTTs can allow reduction of the amount of annual tax in Ukraine by relevant tax paid abroad. For this, a person needs to receive a certificate regarding the amount of tax paid as well as the basis and/or object of taxation.

### TAXATION OF A REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL ENTREPRENEUR'S BUSINESS INCOME

Foreign individuals registered as individual entrepreneurs under Ukrainian law are treated as residents. Individual entrepreneurs can be taxed on their business income under a regular taxation model or the simplified taxation model.

The simplified model is more common for individual entrepreneurs and takes into account four taxation groups to be chosen by an individual entrepreneur subject to meeting certain criteria (basically, number of hired employees and/or turnover). For example, the most flexible and frequently used is the third group, and is for individuals with income up to 5 million UAH. The income is taxed at 3% if the entrepreneur is a VAT payer and at 5% if not. In addition, such entrepreneur must pay a single social contribution of 22% of the statutory minimum wage (819.06 UAH or approximately EUR 28). It's not simple. But it's getting there.



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# The British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC)



The British Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (BUCC)<sup>1</sup> brings together British, Ukrainian, and international companies and individuals doing business in Ukraine or the UK, including in the City of London, the financial capital of Europe, the Middle-East, and Africa. We provide in-depth information on business, commerce, trade, and culture in Ukraine and the UK to assist our members and others interested in business opportunities in Ukraine and the UK, hold regular meeting with interesting speakers, and conduct a wide variety of other activities, including those described below. The BUCC also supports the Commonwealth of Nations, formerly known as the British Commonwealth.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

During the past year, we held a number of special events.

### A Reception and Dinner for the official visit of President Poroshenko to the UK

This event was held last April at the Armourers Hall in London between the President and senior officials from his administration and members of the BUCC. The President gave an excellent review of Ukraine's recent achievements to recover from the sharp economic decline resulting from the conflict in eastern Ukraine, resolve the banking crisis, lower inflation, solve the VAT problem, develop the army, etc. A number of potential major new projects for Ukraine were discussed over dinner, which should significantly benefit the Ukrainian economy.

The luncheon was held on 23 June this year to open the Lviv Alpha Jazz Festival, in the

presence of the Mayor of Lviv, Lviv City and Lviv Oblast officials, BUCC members, and Lviv business leaders, at which the Ministry of Infrastructure made a presentation.

### Receptions and dinners with Professor James Rubin for the BUCC Tkachenko Art Project



Last month, the BUCC held exhibitions and receptions on the Ukrainian Impressionist artist Mykhailo Tkachenko. The first event was held in Lviv, at the Lviv National Museum of Art, followed by dinner at the Leopold Hotel Dining Room. The event then moved to the Hyatt Hotel Ballroom in Kyiv which ended with dinner in the Hyatt's London Room.

Professor James Rubin, one of the world's leading experts on Impressionism and the author of the principal study of Manet and over 60 other books and important articles (his biography is in Wikipedia), spoke at these events as well as at three leading Ukrainian universities. The exhibition at the Hyatt's Ballroom specially featured 20 paintings by Tkachenko that are privately held and are not otherwise generally available for public viewing. Professor Rubin continues to advise the BUCC on its proposed book on Tkachenko (with Korner's Art) and

on the BUCC's proposed major exhibition of Tkachenko paintings to be shown in leading museums in Kyiv, London, Paris, New York, Chicago, and Toronto (discussed further below under CSR).

### Ukrainian Week in London and Ukrainian IT Days in the UK

For 2018, the BUCC is organising Ukrainian Week in London and Ukrainian IT Days in the UK to promote trade, investment, and cultural exchange between Ukraine and the UK.

### MONTHLY NETWORKING RECEPTIONS

In Kyiv, the BUCC holds monthly receptions on the last Wednesday of each month (except in December, when it is mid-month) at leading hotels, restaurants, and other interesting venues, like the Hyatt, Fairmont, and Hilton. Pictures and short press releases on all BUCC events can be found on our web site ([www.bucc.com.ua](http://www.bucc.com.ua)) and the BUCC Facebook Page. In 2018, we will be holding regular meetings in London and Lviv, and later in 2018, in Odesa.

### COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

The BUCC focuses on facilitating the development of major projects to address important needs for Ukraine.

#### Brexit

The BUCC's Brexit Committee is studying how best to react to Brexit (the existing of the UK from the EU) so as to develop further trade between Great Britain and Ukraine when the DCFTA with the EU ceases to apply for the UK. The BUCC believes that because the UK imports more than half of its food, it should be in favour of expanding food imports from Ukraine, unlike the EU, which severely restricted such imports in the DCFTA to protect EU farmers. Consequently, as a major food exporter and for other reasons, Ukraine should be a major beneficiary from Brexit.

#### Political/Conflict Risk Insurance

Ukraine needs greater availability of political/conflict risk insurance, so that such political/conflict risk does not continue to deter foreign investment into Ukraine. The BUCC's proposal is based on increasing the level of political/conflict risk insurance available from the World Bank's MIGA, just as has been done, for the same reason,



Annual BUCC Luncheon in Lviv

for the West Bank and Gaza.

### **Legal/Judicial Ombudsman**

For Ukraine's judicial reform and anti-corruption programs to actually help protect UK and other foreign investors into Ukraine, Ukraine needs a Legal/Judicial Ombudsman, as was developed by Sweden when corruption in the Swedish courts was a problem in the early 1900s. The BUCC's proposal would allow all litigants in Ukraine to take court decisions that constitute an abuse of justice to this Legal/Judicial Ombudsman for immediate review. This does not preclude judges responsible for such abusive decisions, who would be investigated for presumed corruption (this would be different from lustration that is not based on the actual judicial misbehavior of judges).

### **PORT/RAIL CONTAINER TRAFFIC**

The BUCC's Transportation Committee is focused on its project to facilitate moving containers from Asia through Ukraine to Eastern Europe, the Baltics, and Scandinavia. This was a principal focus of the discussions with the President at the BUCC's dinner for his official visit to London last April.

### **IRRIGATION FARMING**

The BUCC's Agriculture Committee is focused on providing for greater irrigation to address the problem that crop yields in southern Ukraine are decreasing due to increasing drought from climate change. This has also had an effect on the Oleshky Sands, one of Europe's largest deserts located in Kherson Oblast, which have become even larger, and risks damaging soil quality and yields throughout southern Ukraine. In connection with this, the BUCC is working on a proposal to exempt, from the current moratorium on the sale of agricultural land, the sale of land in designated drought distressed areas to farmers who commit to spending the required significant amounts on equipment to irrigate this land.

### **THE OSBB PROJECT**

The BUCC's Real Estate Committee earlier obtained significant changes to the implementation of OSBB laws and regulations (please see our previous KyivPost article on this<sup>2</sup>). We are now organising an internet "clearing house" at our website so that

- (1) different OSBBs can compare their experiences managing their buildings; and
- (2) details on the relative performance of suppliers of services and goods for buildings and their apartments can be posted for all to see.

### **TOURISM PROMOTION**

The BUCC's Tourism Committee promotes tourism between the UK and Ukraine, and is presently aimed at obtaining UK destination tourism PR services

for Ukraine and certain Ukrainian cities to show potential UK tourists the excellent sites, restaurants, and hotels Ukraine has to offer.

### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) PROGRAMME**

The BUCC presently has the following CSR projects.

#### **LAW REFORM**

Our law reform/foreign investment protection project to improve Ukrainian legislation is presently focused on

- (1) curing the problem due to special (and unnecessary) drafting requirements that makes over 60 per cent of agricultural land leases currently invalid (the BUCC's proposal to repeal the legislation that caused this problem starting in 2008 was adopted in 2016, so land leases executed since 2016 are valid, but the BUCC's proposal to prevent land leases executed between 2008 and 2016 from being voided due to this problem still needs to be adopted);
- (2) curing problems due to certain Ukrainian Supreme Court rulings that a land lease registration can be voided for relatively minor problems (the relevant case law is inconsistent); and
- (3) correcting the currently proposed draft Limited Liability Law, to, for example, more appropriately protect minority investors from being coercively removed.

#### **Anti-Corruption and Anti-Corporate Raiding Program**

Following up on our previous conferences on the British Bribery Act, the Law of Ukraine "On the Prevention of Corruption", the US FCPA and other anti-corruption laws and their application in Ukraine, we continue to hold meetings and distribute information on compliance with anti-corruption laws. In 2018, we will be holding conferences focused on changes in anti-corruption law compliance practices. We also continue to make proposals to combat corporate raiding, such as to oblige enforcement officials to provide advance notice of most enforcement actions and have prior judicial endorsement for most coercive measures, and to limit or regulate better such actions that may affect the ability of a business to continue its operations.

#### **EDUCATION:**

##### **(1) Bringing Foreign LLM Programs to Ukraine**

The BUCC is endeavouring to attract UK and certain other foreign LLM programmes to law schools at Ukrainian universities, so that more Ukrainian law students have an opportunity to study foreign and international private law relevant to international business transactions. This will help prepare Ukrainian lawyers for situ-

ations, such as where a foreign law (e.g. English law) governs a cross-border contract, as is so often the case.

##### **(2) Scholarships to the UK**

We are developing a scholarship programme to send Ukrainian students to study at UK universities for graduate business and law studies. We are presently seeking sponsors to fund scholarships at Cambridge and Oxford.

#### **Art Promotion/Ukrainian Impressionism**

As noted above, the BUCC is organising an exhibition of paintings of Ukrainian impressionist Michael Tkachenko to be shown in Kyiv and London, and then in New York, Paris, Chicago, and Toronto. Tkachenko, in the period 1890-1910, was considered one of the leading impressionists in Paris. He had, for example, major exhibitions at the Grand Palais in Paris, and his paintings received medals at major exhibitions. However, after Ukraine was overrun by the Bolsheviks in 1921, he was forgotten by western art historians. The BUCC is leading the project to restore Tkachenko's reputation as a leading Impressionist, which should thereby generally improve the recognition abroad of Ukrainian artists and of Ukraine.

#### **Digitalisation Project**

We have a project to digitise ancient Ukrainian books held at foreign libraries, to make this part of Ukrainian culture digitally accessible to Ukrainians.

#### **SPORTS**

We actively promote sports, including cricket and golf (with a programme with the Kyiv Golf Club, Kyiv's leading golf course).

#### **THE BUCC E-CARD for DISCOUNTS**

The BUCC's new membership E-Card system provides substantial (5% to 50%) discounts for our members at leading restaurants, hotels, shops, and other establishments in Kyiv, London, Lviv, Odesa, Kharkiv, and elsewhere. (Members should be able to more than cover their membership cost through these discounts.)

#### **JOIN THE BUCC FOR 2018**

To join the BUCC, please contact Natalia Dobrovolska or Maria Atamanyuk at +38 (044) 490-6000 or +38 (044) 278-1000 or by email to Bate Toms, Chairman, at buc-

<sup>1</sup>The BUCC was originally established in 1997 by its founders under the auspices of the Ukrainian Embassy in London and the UK Department of Trade and Industry to promote trade and investment between the United Kingdom and Ukraine. Our founder members include AON Group Ltd., B.C. Toms & Co, British Petroleum plc, De La Rue plc, First Ukrainian International Bank, GlaxoSmithKline plc, Procter and Gamble, Shell International Ltd, Thomas and Adlamson, Ukraine International Airlines and Unilever plc.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.kyivpost.com/article/content/business-wire/the-developing-crisis-for-the-owners-of-multi-apartment-buildings-in-ukraine-due-to-the-1-july-2016-deadline-for-their-building-management-arrangements-to-be-in-place-411617.html>



# 2018 Winter Olympics

## *A Viewer's Guide*

WHO TO WATCH, WHERE TO WATCH, WHEN'S IT ON – HERE'S YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO UKRAINE AT THE 2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES IN PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA.

Lee Reaney

While events in its northern neighbour have carried the headlines for much of the last year, South Korea will have the world's focus in February as the world's best athletes – and Ukraine's finest – head to PyeongChang for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Winter Games. Ukraine thrives at the summer editions. Outside of biathlon, however, Ukrainian winter athletes are hardly medal threats. For good reason: fully half of Ukraine's Olympic budget is spent on its biathletes (€17.9 million), and that paid off in 2014 when the women's biathlon team captured only the second Winter Olympic gold medal in Ukraine's post-independence history. The entire team is returning to the Olympics this year, and with three skiers in the top 10 of the world cup standings, the team stands a good chance of repeating their previous success.

**It's just not our thing:** *Ukraine has only ever medalled in two Olympic sports – biathlon and figure skating. The country has only won seven medals in six Winter Games. Ukraine's only Winter Olympic champions are Oksana Baiul (1994 figure skating) and the women's biathlon team (2014). The only Ukrainian man to ever win a Winter Olympic medal is Ruslan Goncharov – a bronze in ice dance with Elena Grushina at the 2006 Winter Games.*

With qualification events still pending, the Ukrainian team is not yet confirmed. Still, approximately 40 of Ukraine's best will be in Korea. Other than biathlon, keep your eyes on Ukraine's figure skaters and aerials skiers, who have outside chances of landing on the podium. Overall, Ukraine will compete in nine sports. See below for who, where, and when to watch. All Ukrainian Olympic programming can be found on the UA: First channel. But yours truly will be reporting on all the goings-on in English.

**That's my claim to fame:** *Who is Ukraine's first post-independence Winter Olympic champion? Most would say figure skater Oksana Baiul, who won gold in Lillehammer, Norway in 1994. But don't tell Viktor Petrenko that. He's still miffed that he didn't hear the Ukrainian anthem when he captured gold in Albertville, France at the 1992 Games. The Ukrainian National Olympic Committee wasn't recognised in time for Ukrainian Olympians to compete under their own flag, much to Petrenko's chagrin.*



### ALPINE SKIING – 1 MAN, 1 WOMAN

Ukraine has never produced a truly elite alpine skier, but if you love the sport and are looking to cheer for the home grown, check out Ivan Kovbasniuk and either Tanya Tikun or Olga Knysch.

**Competition dates:** 11-15, 17-18, 21-24 February

### BIATHLON – 5 MEN, 6 WOMEN

Approximately one quarter of all of Ukraine's 2018 Olympians are biathletes and the women look set to shine. Mark 22 February (13.15 – 14.45) in your calendar as the women's team of Vita and Valj Semerenko, Olena Pidhrushna, and Yuliia Dzhima again look to become women's relay champions. Also, watch for Vita to be awarded her silver medal from 2014, after the silver-medalist Russian was disqualified from the Sochi Games for doping.

**Competition dates:** 10-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20, 22-23 February

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING – 2 MEN, 2 WOMEN

The women's team finished 12th in the relay in 2014 and will see newcomer Darina Blasko join veterans Marina Antsi-bor, Tetyana Antipenko, and Valentina Shevchenko in an effort to best that result.

**Competition dates:** 10-11, 13, 15-18, 21, 24-25 February

### FIGURE SKATING – 3 MEN, 3 WOMEN

Ukraine will be represented in all figure skating events with Ivan Pavlov and Anna Hnychenkova in the singles events, Renata Oganessian and Mark Bardey in the pairs, and Aleksandra Nazarova

and Maksim Nikitin in the ice dance. Hnychenkova is likely a good bet for a top five finish.

**Competition dates:** 9, 11-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23, 25 February

### FREESTYLE SKIING – 1 MAN, 2 WOMEN

Likely Ukraine's best chance at a medal outside biathlon, Oleksandr Abramenko and Olga Polyuk return after their top 10 performances in Sochi. After finishing sixth at his third Winter Games in 2014, Abramenko became the first Ukrainian to win the World Cup in any freestyle discipline in 2014-15, winning the season title in aerials.

**Competition dates:** 9, 11-12, 15-23 February

### LUGE – 4 MEN, 1 WOMAN

Newcomer Anton Dukach will join Ukraine's experienced luge team of Olena Shkhumova (2014), Oleksandr Obolonchuk (2014), and Roman Zakharkiv (2010, 2014) as they look to improve on their 11<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2014.

**Competition dates:** 10-15 February

### NORDIC COMBINED – 1 MAN

Viktor Pasichnyk will return for his second Winter Games to wave the blue and yellow banner in this discipline that combines cross-country skiing with ski jumping.

**Competition dates:** 14, 20, 22 February

### SKELETON – 1 MAN

Kyiv's 19-year-old skeleton phenom Vladyslav Heraskevych will make his Olympic debut in PyeongChang. He currently sits in 24th in the IBSF World Cup.

**Competition dates:** 15-17 February

### SNOWBOARDING – 1 WOMAN

Annamari Dancha will return for her third Winter Games in February, where the No. 38-ranked snowboarder will try to beat her best result – a round of 16 loss to the eventual bronze medalist in the 2010 parallel slalom in Vancouver, Canada.

**Competition dates:** 9, 11-12, 15-23 February

### EVENTS NOT QUALIFIED FOR

Ukraine has yet to qualify any athletes in Bobsleigh, Curling, Ice Hockey, Short-Track Speed Skating, or Speed Skating events.

# Gold



## is this Lady's Best Friend

EXPECTATIONS ARE HIGH FOR KYIV'S OLYMPIC CHAMPION BIATHLETE YULIIA DZHIMA AHEAD OF NEXT MONTH'S WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES. SO HOW IS UKRAINE'S BEST MEDAL HOPE DEALING WITH THE PRESSURE?

bronze in both the 15km individual and 7.5km sprint events in Sweden. Ranked No. 9 in the world, Dzhima is looking to become Ukraine's first-ever two-time Winter Olympic medalist.

### THE PRESSURE OF SUCCESS

The biggest pressure for Dzhima – and the rest of Ukraine's female biathletes – will certainly be in defending their 2014 Olympic championship in the relay. The same team will attempt to repeat – and three are ranked in the world's top 15 (Vita and Valj Semerenko are at No 6 and No 13, respectively).

The relay team has been a powerhouse since 2011. In that time, they've claimed four European championships, two world championship silver medals, and the coveted Olympic gold in 2014. That race was legendary.

Taking place at the height of Euro-Maidan, just hours after many protesters were killed by police snipers, the team not only had to put that out of their minds, but had to contend with a Russian team

– at home – featuring three women sanctioned for doping violations. The women skied to a remarkable 26.4 second victory over the runners up – the now-disqualified Russians. Their celebration is memorable for its emotion. They were denied permission to wear black armbands, but had media observe a minute of silence at the post-race press conference.

### PAINTING THE PRESSURE AWAY

As the only Ukrainians expected to medal in PyeongChang, the relay team is facing immense pressure at home, which was evident after a recent fifth-place showing at a World Cup race in Germany. The frustration of public comments led Dzhima to take to her Facebook account to respond. "It's disgusting when you look after yourself, do your job well, and still read these comments," she writes. "What's shameful is when men don't give up their seats on the metro or don't hold the door for a woman. That's what is embarrassing. Not our results."

And what is there to be ashamed of? The team is still a favourite in PyeongChang and Yuliia is looking to improve on her seventh place finish in the 15km race in Sochi. Be sure to check out the team's rifles – Dzhima has painted them with wonderful Petrykivka drawings.

The talent and patience required for those paintings fit well in a sport where talent and patience is vital while shooting. After all, it was Dzhima that built a 15-second advantage using just that skill-set in that memorable race in Sochi four years ago.

For Dzhima, there may be no better way to buck the pressure than behind the paintbrush.

### DON'T MISS

Ukraine's women's biathlon team go for gold on 22 February at 15.15 on UA: First.



Most Ukrainian winter athletes would love to be in the enviable position of Kyiv's **Yuliia Dzhima**. Already an Olympic champion, the 27-year-old biathlete is one of Ukraine's few athletes to be considered a favourite at next month's Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Now in her prime, Dzhima has shown a string of recent successes in biathlon's biggest events. She is the reigning European champion in the sprint, and added a silver and bronze in the pursuit and mixed relay. There was also a second world championship silver medal last year in Austria.

Her successes have led her to the podium in two World Cup races this year, winning



# What About the Guys

Serzh Velychanskyi



## Be my Valentine?

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LOVE IS ON THE HORIZON. FORGO THE CHOCOLATE, MAYBE NOT THE FLOWERS, AND BE A LITTLE MORE CREATIVE.

As February nears, one of the greatest western traditions, which has become an obsession thanks to heavy marketing, is Valentine's Day. It is still a mystery how Ukrainians managed to survive without this mandatory 'dating ritual', however, now that it's here, we're just as obsessed!

### GUYS JUST THINK DIFFERENT

I'm just as much of a sucker when it comes to V-day as the next guy, and in wanting to plan the perfect outing, I've had a few mishaps. Once, I invited a girl horse riding but failed to tell her the details. She arrived in heels – not the best shoes for the occasion, and was less than impressed. Another time I invited a girl to a restaurant, which, as it turned out, did not accept bankcards, and I had zero cash. I had to borrow money from a girl I had met just a few days before, not cool! To help you get ahead of the game, I'm pleased to offer a few pointers to help you create a special date for your Valentine.

### A Little Advice

1. Plan ahead – details matter, especially to the ladies.
2. Be romantic.
3. If something goes awry, treat it as adventure.

Of course, you can always go with a nice dinner and after the cinema is always an option. However, in case you want to do something a little different, I made a few calls to some of my more successful buddies in the romance stakes and came up with a few top options.

### OPTION 1

At the top of my list is one of the best art galleries in Kyiv – **Spivakovska Art:Ego** located in the centre of the city. They offer the unforgettable experience of creating a masterpiece to express your mutual ardour. If you are not artists, an experienced art instructor is on hand to guide you in the process. The highlight of the date will be a romantically decorated dining table in another room. All options can be discussed according to your desires and preferences, and it can all be done in English!  
📍 (Saksaganskoho 59B)  
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🌐 [artego.center](http://artego.center)

### OPTION 2

**BODO** is a service specialising in adventure. Their mission is to bring you the best experience possible and they have more than 400 adventures available. Un-

fortunately, their website is in only local languages, but if you call their number they will be glad to re-direct you to an English speaking manager. It is advisable to first scroll through their website it's full of photos to understand the options available. My recommendation is, of course, the horse ride. It lasts an hour-and-a-half and costs between 600 to 900 UAH. They'll even throw in an instructor if you need one. Gents – just remember to warn your ladies about the shoes.

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🌐 [bodo.ua](http://bodo.ua)

### OPTION 3

Should you choose to go and see a movie, don't just settle for your average multiplex. I'm talking take it to the next level with **Re/luxe cinema**. As a luxury venue, you can comfortably wine and dine while you watch your movie. The finger-food menu from their chef and signature cocktails or wine of your choice will make your time there more than memorable. They bill themselves as a 'movie restaurant' and prove it with their approach to service. Unfortunately, their site does not have an English version, but they can answer any question you might have over the phone.

📍 (Stepana Bandery 34V)

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🌐 [planetakino.ua/relux](http://planetakino.ua/relux)

### OPTION 4

One more helpful resource is **Love Event**, a business that specialises in organising special events, including extravagant dating locations with a romantic atmosphere guaranteed. I've not tried it, but have heard only good things.

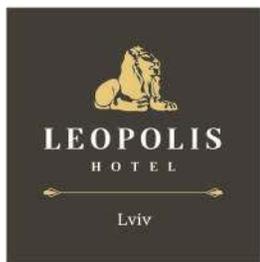
🌐 [love-event.com.ua](http://love-event.com.ua)

*Ladies and gents, dating can be minefield, so I wish you the best of luck!*

*Yours,*

*Serzh Velychanskyi*

*PS – always remember your bank card!*

A floor lamp with a white, conical shade and a decorative, metallic base is positioned in the foreground. The lamp is partially obscured by a semi-transparent white box containing text. The background features a wall with a framed painting and a window with purple and gold patterned curtains.

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# What's All the Fuss

wo book club



## Malkuth by Ostap Ukrayinets

*Have you ever heard about the legendary City of the Sun? If so, it is Stanislav (previously part of Poland and the Austro-Hungarian Empire, now known as Ivano-Frankivsk in Western Ukraine). The city was established in the mid-17th century as the citadel of the famous Polish Potocki noble dynasty.*

Designed by French and Italian architects, Stanislav's fortress is an intricate hexangular construction with numerous secret passages where danger and mysteries lurk around every corner. It

is a perfect sanctuary for keeping the enigmatic heritage of the city's founders safely buried. Some 200 years later, the main protagonist stubbornly strives to uncover mysteries despite someone's attempts to thwart his plans...

In the 1860s, Ignatius Kaminski, a Polish patriot, lawyer, smuggler, and later Stanislav's mayor, accidentally gets hold of the old letters. They mention some prominent leaders of the past whose lives were weirdly interwoven through centuries.

Kaminski believes they were all members of a clandestine league that still operates in Stanislav. Their goal is to establish an alliance of free countries, a realm of justice and equality between various nations – the true Malkuth, which means 'The Kingdom' in Hebrew.

Following the best traditions set by Umberto Eco, Dan Brown, and JRR Tolkien, the story blends a variety of plot threads with historical facts, Hutsul mysticism, and European magic. By the way, Kaminski is a real political figure considered Stanislav's best mayor ever. In 2015, his statute was unveiled in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Every city must have its own myths. If it does not, create them...

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in Western Ukraine, translator and writer Ostap Ukrayinets works within the genre of historical fantasy. He started writing fiction in 2016 and within a year completed his first big novel *Malkuth*. His translated works include TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*, and books by HP Lovecraft, Erin Hunter, and Neal Stephenson.

## Cyborgs

It sounds like a plot from Doctor Who. However, the long-awaited *Cyborgs* flick is not a fantasy, it's not sci-fi, it's real and it's based on an incredible true story. It takes place in September 2014 when Russian-backed forces undertook multiple attempts to take control of Donetsk International Airport – a strategic territory in the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine. The film's director, Akhtem Seitablaev, who says the main message – "to be Ukrainian is to choose between the past and the future", portrays the defenders as typical Ukrainians, who speak both Russian and Ukrainian, with different backgrounds, but with a desire to see Ukraine free from Russian invasion. Every showing of this movie ends with viewers in tears and a standing ovation from the audience. According to the producers, an Eng-



lish-language version is on the horizon, with negotiations going on for the rights to distribute the film internationally. As far as domestic showings on Ukrainian TV networks, dates are soon to be released for a four-part series. There are also plans for a worldwide non-commercial broadcast at embassies of Ukraine with assistance from the Foreign Ministry of Ukraine in other countries, as a way of introducing international communities to the legendary *Cyborgs*.

This is a must-see for anyone wanting to understand the heart of modern Ukraine. WO highly recommends.

## CRAFT vs PUB



No water only BEER

### WHAT'S BREWING

#### CRAFT VS PUB

Like many establishments set up on the back of a burgeoning scene, this cellar bar is a little out of the way. Still, it occupies a space in one of Kyiv's most vibrant and hippest neighborhoods – Podil, and is worth venturing to. Craft vs Pub specialises in locally produced craft beers, deviating from Ukrainian-brewed beers only to offer some Polish variants to bolster its range. That amounts to up to 18 Ukrainian brews on tap, plus an extensive bottled selection that, combined, amounts to more than 30 different beers. The range is extensive enough to please even the most expert connoisseur.

Its minimalistic, no-fuss, almost industrial-style interior spread across two halls does not distract from the job at hand, which is to sample quality crafted beers in good company at what are reasonable prices. Your research will be complemented by decent food based on pub staples but with a unique twist and great service that really gives you the impression the staff have an extensive knowledge of the craft beer industry.

There is a reason for this: Craft vs Pub (like many similar institutions across the capital) is an independent business. The owner is almost always onsite and this is another feature that sets this joint apart from the cookie-cutter franchises that dominate the Kyiv bar and restaurant landscape. In our books, that is reason enough to look for places like this for a different experience.

Craft vs Pub is the ideal place to while away an evening as winter continues.

#### **Craft vs Pub**

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📱 craftvspub

what's playing

# Top 3



## 03:00 MUSEUM

*See without looking*

Named after the darkest time of night, the three after midnight museum boasts an extraordinary concept. Unlike traditional museums, 03:00 offers visitors the opportunity to not look at art, but feel it. Blind guides take you on a 90-minute walk around five interactive zones in total darkness. The aim is to highlight capabilities and emotions otherwise unnoticed in the light of day. Visitors will also experience typical situations the blind face daily.

📍 (Olesia Honchara 45V)

Open: 12.00-22.00

📞 800 – 1 000 UAH for group of four

📱 0300.com.ua

Book your visit



## PHARMACY MUSEUM

*Secrets of monks and quacks*

The Pharmacy Museum occupies the building of Kyiv's first private drugstore, founded by German-born Johann Heiter in 1728. Later, his son-in-law Georg Bunge inherited the business and began a pharmaceutical dynasty. Currently, the museum exhibits more than 2 000 artefacts – apothecary bottles, tools, jars with snakes preserved in alcohol, cans with cream, tooth powder, and even ink. The basement features an alchemist's cellar, monk's cell, and charlatan's hut. Those wishing to try 'a healing potion' can attend the phyto-bar on site.

📍 (Prytysko-Mykilska 7)

Open: Monday-Sunday at 10.00-17.00

📞 25-30 UAH

📱 Excursions: 85 UAH

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Its legendary name, Borychiv Descent, is derived from either the name of a wealthy Kyivan who lived there at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, or from the word borych/biruch (Ukrainian: борич/бірюч), which means a herald or customs officer serving the Kyiv Prince in the Middle Ages. Some scholars believe that today's Borychiv Descent corresponds to that mentioned in the 12<sup>th</sup> century poem, The Tale of Igor's Campaign (Slovo o polku Ihorevim), while others state that the ancient Borychev Descent is actually today's Andriyivskiy Descent. Even in the Tale of Bygone Years by Nestor, a road with the name Borychiv Descent is mentioned. In former times people walked along Borychiv to the river Pochayna, into which pagan idols were dumped, a river where people were also baptised.

Thus far, the excavated area under Pochtova Ploshcha covers 5 000 square metres. Among the interesting finds are the remains of dwellings, a glass workshop, a port, household items, and even six of the prince's lead seals. Currently, excavations are frozen due to lack of funding. And whether there will be an authentic underground museum on this site, or if the planned mall will be built here, as the investor originally wanted – remains a mystery.

## NEW MUSEUM IN PODIL?

*5 000 square metres of history*

For the past four years, a team of enthusiasts led by Mikhail Sagaydak the director of the Centre of Archeology of Kyiv of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine has been carrying out excavations under Poshtova Ploshcha. Here, the remains of city buildings dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries and artifacts of the 11<sup>th</sup> century have been uncovered. Archaeologists surmise this area was a part of the ancient Borychiv Descent – a historic lineage in the historical and merchant quarter of Kyiv in the Podil neighbourhood.

## DIGITAL TRENDS COMING IN 2018



We're kicking off 2018 by looking at some digital trends expected to define our new reality in the coming year. Jot them down to apply to your 2018 marketing strategy, or casually bring them up at your next get-together with friends to sound like a real digital top banana. Either way, these digital trends will soon enough become less buzzword and more daily-speak.

### AUGMENTED REALITY

Unlike virtual reality, augmented reality integrates new digital information on top of a habitual user environment without inventing something completely new. While we use it mostly for fun at the moment, augmented reality will become an integral part of our lives in the very near future. When shopping for example, you'll be able to figure out if those fancy chairs from IKEA really blend with your current living room style, or if your desired party outfit won't actually turn out to be a total mess.

### VOICE RECOGNITION

How often do you use your voice command tech instead of taking the time to type? At one time a completely intangible technology, voice interaction with mobile and speaker devices has already turned into daily routine. Along with saving time, they assist in moments when attention is required elsewhere. If you still haven't met Siri or Alexa, find someone who has – and give it a try. You'll no doubt find conversation with them eerily satisfying.

### BLOCKCHAIN

Even though everyone has heard of Blockchain, very few people are aware of what this buzz is actually about. In a nutshell, Blockchain is a software platform that helps to store retail information about transactions from numerous computers at the same time. Data maintained in blocks of the chain are available at any time and are never lost. As such, Blockchain technology makes all transactions transparent, fast, and cheap. On top of that, Blockchain embodies cryptocurrencies at its core.

#whatstrending

# Long-awaited freedom

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Tears, smiles, hugs... Many of them still can't believe that they're free now. "We had many thoughts, couldn't sleep, we still cannot believe it." These are the first impressions and words after the monumental events of 27 December. It was a prisoner exchange: in total 233 people were released at the request of the so-called "DNR" and "LNR", and 73 released at the request of Ukraine.

The operation happened in two stages. The first took place at the Mayorsk checkpoint on the Ukrainian government controlled side. Negotiations lasted several hours. Why? Valeriya Lutkovskaya, the ombudswoman for human rights in Ukraine, explains that from an initial list of 306 names, 43 had earlier been re-

leased after completing prison sentences, and about 30 from the "DNR"/"LNR" list who were still detained by Ukraine simply refused the exchange – they would rather stay in Ukrainian prisons than go to the occupied territories. One of the prisoners said, "I was there (in the "DNR"/"LNR") by accident. I made a mistake. My advice is to stay away – nothing there is good."

Finally, the first buses from the self-proclaimed "republics" brought Ukrainian prisoners to the checkpoint. Starting with the "LNR", as 73 people crossed to the occupied side, 16 returning Ukrainian heroes were met with applause. Ruslan, a fan of the Luhansk Zorya football team, was imprisoned for more than a year, his "crime" was burning an "LNR" flag in occupied Luhansk. In a similar story, Anton spent eight months in prison for singing an Okean Elzy song in a karaoke bar. "I became a spy for them, they were telling me that Ukraine didn't care about me and no one would take me back."

In the second stage, the operation moved to the occupied territory in Horlivka for the exchange of prisoners between the "DNR". In this phase, 57 people were freed and returned to free Ukraine, while one person decided to stay in order to care

for elderly relatives in Donetsk. At the same time, 160 prisoners were released from Ukrainian custody. Igor, a scholar of religion from Donetsk, couldn't hide his emotions: "I went two years without my family, my friends, my teaching activities... Of course I missed all that." Then we see a military intelligence officer called Oleksandr, who had been in prison for more than two years after being caught in an ambush near Debaltsevo.

The president himself met the freed prisoners at the zero checkpoint, ushering them to safety on nine helicopters to fly them to Kharkiv. There they were met with hugs and cries from relatives. The next stop is Kyiv. Oleksandr's mother arrived at the airport five hours before his plane was due to land. "When I heard him say, 'Mom, I'm here,' I passed out," she says. "It's hard for me to say what I feel now. Probably only mothers can understand, mothers who haven't seen their sons for such a long time."

And yet, 103 people are still being held. The president says he will continue to fight for those detained in Makiivka and Horlivka, because Ukraine doesn't forget its people.

WO Eastern Ukraine correspondent

# Choose your Identity

This is a story about the myth and image each of us, intentionally or unwittingly, perpetuates through social media. In April last year, Ukrainian artist Misha Alekseenko, after two months of preparation, flew at the invitation of Hollywood to work on a new project. At least, that's what he told his friends...

The fact is, the artist closed himself off for a month in his apartment in Troeshchyna and began to weave a fictitious story. Traveling on Google maps, using Photoshop and actively posting on social networks – he told his fictitious Hollywood story. Having created this illusion, he managed to convince the majority of his friends and followers he really was on the other side of the Atlantic.

Alekseenko called the experiment Hollywood – Troeshchyna, and it paid dividends. He took home the Grand Prix competition of young Ukrainian artists at MUHi 2017.

Міша Алексєнко однією з перших: Hollywood Walk of Fame  
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#Hollywood\_Troeshchyna



Check out the video here:



# Delicious Asian Chow

If you are an Asian food lover, you may have heard about MEIWEI. A fast mover on the food scene, which caught on quickly after launching a food delivery service. In November, the MEIWEI restaurant, with a spacious stylish interior and show-kitchen, opened near Lva Tolstogo metro station.

What the restaurants and delivery service share in common is a Pan-Asian menu. MEIWEI translates as “delicious” from Chinese, and is the only city restaurant where traditional Chinese baozi with pork are served. Meat and seafood ramen and udon, Thai and Korean soups, and one-of-a-kind mango bubble tea are also on the menu. Even though you may feel you’ve overeaten, don’t leave the restaurant without trying the desserts. Both the Jasmine Cake with matcha tea and Pan-Asian Egg Cupcake are genuinely Asian-tastic.



## MEIWEI

📍 (Velyka Vasylkivska 23)

🕒 Open: 08.00-23.00

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🌐 meimei.com.ua

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### THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

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**WO Rating** ★★★★★

# Celebrating Local Holiday Traditions

Holidays across Ukraine are celebrated in different ways. I spent the week leading up to Ukrainian Orthodox Christmas in villages of the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast. A family in Tulova hosted myself and a dozen other Canadians for a Christmas meal three days before the actual holiday. The celebration started with carollers singing at the window, and finished with us all singing together for hours. There was plenty of food and drink, including the host’s homebrew, on which I practiced a newly-learned Ukrainian drinking tip – to reduce the burn, blow out, take the shot, blow out again, then smell someone’s hair. It works surprisingly well!

Christmas Day was spent in Kryvorivnya, a Hutsul village. Driving to the village, I watched as people came from every direction to walk to church, as is tradition. Afterwards, hundreds of people gathered outside to watch the local men perform carols traditional to the Verhovyna region. Wearing traditional wool coats with bright embroidery and shiny embellishments, they stood in a circle holding axes, flipping them to the beat of their song, which was more like a chant, with some playing instruments, like the trembita or violin.

On the ride home, carollers rode beside us in wagons pulled by horses going door to door, with children dressed as animals, shepherds, angels, and other characters from the traditional Ukrainian Christmas story – *Vertep*. Throughout the holiday, I learned of traditions I hadn’t heard



of before, like putting garlic on the corners of the table to protect against evil spirits. Tricks of the trade in the kitchen, like adding halva (a dense sweet made from sunflower seeds) to kutya (a cereal dish eaten traditionally on to Ukrainian Christmas), I was also made privy to.

Many Canadians still practice Ukrainian Christmas traditions, such as putting hay under the table and throwing kutya on the ceiling to see how good the next year will be (though talking with some Ukrainians, it seems this one isn’t as popular in Ukraine as it is in Canada!).

This holiday season in Ukraine included so many special and memorable celebrations, but what stands out the most is the number of young people continuing to practise the customs of their ancestors. Preserving traditions honours the local way of life and keeps alive local knowledge. Seeing people – young and old – proud of their roots is inspiring.

No matter your background and no matter what holidays you observe, may you have celebrated with pride and happiness, setting the tone for the new year.

Kaitlin Vitt

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# What's On the Menu



Anna Azarova

## All You Knead is Dough

A COUSIN OF CHINESE JIAOZI, ITALIAN RAVIOLI, GEORGIAN KHINKALI, AND ASIAN MANTI, PELMENI IS WIDELY FAVOURED FOR WHAT IT IS – A SIMPLE NOURISHING DISH FOR BREAKFAST, BRUNCH, LUNCH, OR DINNER. YET, YOU MAY BE WRONG IN THINKING YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT PELMENI. GIFTED CONTEMPORARY CHEFS HAVE RECENTLY BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO THE CLASSIC RECIPE.



People who don't like homemade pelmeni are few in number. This food is never out of season. Every family in Ukraine has their own preparation secrets passed from generation to generation. However, nowadays nobody has time to cook. A diner serving pelmeni with 'the taste of home' is a good alternative.

A few steps away from the Hedgehog Monument you'll find Zamis, a brand-new restaurant launched last year on 22 December. Its name can be translated from Ukrainian as 'dough kneading', but also known in slang as 'a situation as tough as dough'. Much more than just another snack-bar in downtown Kyiv, Zamis turns ordinary stuffed dumplings into masterpieces.

### A TASTE OF HOME

Located in the basement, Zamis has three dining halls decorated in Scandinavian-inspired fashion – clean lines combined with white walls, wood, and the odd splash of colour. Potted-plants on tables add warmth and character to the atmosphere. Like it or loathe it, this type of minimalist design is taking over the world based on the 'less is more' motto.

At 19.00, the restaurant is not crowded, since it is still operating in test mode. We make ourselves comfortable and start our dinner with a bowl of hot soup, to whet the appetite. The old-fashioned chicken broth is just the way our mums made it – light and healthy. The creamy red lentil soup is rich, thick, and packed with flavours.

### MAKE SURE YOU TRY...

- Varenyky with cherries (250 g) 65 UAH
- Varenyky with potatoes (250 g) 45 UAH

For the main, we rely on the server who diligently goes through the menu offering eight types of pelmeni. Zamis offers a modern twist to well-known cuisine by using unique fillings, producing new taste and visual combinations. We order a set of various pelmeni to try them all. They come in different shapes and colours – white, yellow, red, green, and black. Yet, no artificial colouring agents are used. All the ingredients are 100% natural, using things like curcu-



ma, tomatoes, and cuttlefish ink. The food presentation is impressive – forget about a dull Soviet-style "pelmennaya". All the elements are excellently arranged and garnished on the plate.

### BAKED IN DIFFERENT OVENS

As the server puts the rainbow platter on the table, we set off on a gourmet journey. The white dumplings are traditionally filled with chicken, beef, or pork. The yellow pelmeni blends chicken, parmesan and basil, while the red ones are stuffed with shrimp and pork. The further we go, the more exciting our experiment gets. The first variant of green pelmeni has spinach, cheese, and nuts inside to provide a truly Italian flavour. The second variant combines neatly minced juicy lamb with fresh mint and cilantro. All the dumplings are great, with a tender tex-



### EDIBLE INVENTORY

Chicken broth (300ml)	20 UAH
Red lentil soup (300ml)	49 UAH
Pelmeni with mussels (250g)	89 UAH
Pelmeni with lamb and mint (250 g)	79 UAH
Pesto sauce (50g)	9 UAH
Sea sauce (50g)	9 UAH
Uzvar (330ml)	15 UAH
Tomato juice (200ml)	20 UAH
Ginger tea x2 (600ml)	80 UAH

**TOTAL = 370 UAH**

ture and generous amount of stuffing. Any type could become a favourite. However, we unanimously vote for the black delicacies with mussels, which have a strong seafood taste, creating a specific feeling for the palate. It is a dish for real connoisseurs. To enjoy our feast even more, we choose certain dipping sauces for certain pelmeni, which is a sacred ritual. Apart from commonplace sour cream or vinegar, the list includes yoghurt with greens and pesto, soya, sea, and piquant satsebeli sauces.

### STAY OR TAKE AWAY TO GO

The vital thing about Zamis is you can eat in or take-out – pelmeni (both cooked and frozen), soups, varenyky, pickles, and salads (Olivier and vinaigrette). Business people working nearby frequent the place for lunch but also grab something to take home on their way out. In future, the restaurant plans to expand its menu and introduce more distinctive breakfast and dinner solutions. Of course, some things still need improving, but it is a promising start with delectable prospects. P.S. Zamis does not serve alcohol. However, uzvar and kompot (dry/fresh fruit drinks) as well as an assortment of sumptuous teas (ginger, sea buckthorn, currant) will definitely fill the gap.

### THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

English Menu	✓
English-speaking staff (but to be launched)	✗
Wifi	✓
Price	\$\$
<b>WO Rating</b>	★★★★

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WHAT'S ON

# What's On the Menu

Paul Niland

## When in doubt, *Brunch*

THE COLDER TEMPS ARE MAKING IT VERY EASY TO REMAIN INSIDE COME THE WEEKEND. GOT NO PLANS THIS SUNDAY? BOOK A TABLE, AND BRUNCH.

Yes, to brunch. We can (and have) spent hours brunching given the right occasion. And, with this absolutely non-exclusive list of Kyiv eateries at your fingertips, you too can brunch to your heart's, and belly's content.

**Barvy** bill themselves as a restaurant of contemporary Ukrainian cuisine, so it is no surprise that their brunch is laden with local gastronomic delights. Here's the kicker: sourcing locally and helping Ukrainian businesses means Barvy can offer this three hour all-you-can-eat feast for just 459 UAH. No, that's not a typo.

*Call to reserve, +38 098 306 3333.*

**Zheltok** is a popular little restaurant chain operating four locations in Kyiv. Designed in the style of an American diner, the interior and menu offer familiarity and comfort for North Americans especially, especially if you're looking for the famed Sunday breakfast plate of eggs, bacon, and pancakes.

*Find their locations at [www.zheltok.ua](http://www.zheltok.ua)*

The considered opinion among the gourmet community in Kyiv is that the best brunch in the city is at **Grill Asia**, in the Hyatt. The only problem with this par-

ticular brunch is that it is not held often enough! What used to be a regular Sunday feast is now only available on special occasions, with the next event scheduled for International Women's Day – 8 March.

You will need a reservation – huge waiting lists are commonplace, **+38 044 581 1234**.

If you don't want to wait for a special occasion to treat yourself to 5-star luxury, don't worry, the **Hilton** has got your back! Their brunch is open to all every single Sunday. The restaurant is opulent and the wines flow freely from start to finish. Not inexpensive, but 5 star is 5 star, and this is 5 star.

*Find them at **Blvd Shevchenko 30**, call them at **+38 044 393 5400***

We wrote about the fabulous interior design of **Casa Nori in Podil** a few months back, this Sunday make some time to check out both the design and food over a long Bunch. Their Eggs Afogatto with truffle is to die for, not to mention the super selection of cicchetti, and quality Italian cheeses,

*For an advance look at their mouth-watering menu, go to [www.casa-nori.com](http://www.casa-nori.com)*

Several of the Borysov family of restaurants have brunch offerings, **Barsyk** is a restaurant of European and Ukrainian cuisine located in Pechersk, Vatra is a steakhouse located on Horodetskoho just off Khreschatyk, and **Ronin** is a restaurant offering a unique Japanese/Peruvian based dining experience located behind the Kyiv Zoo. Each offer their own take on this super Sunday pastime – all you have to do is decide what you're after.

*For contacts check out [www.borisov.com.ua](http://www.borisov.com.ua)*

**Tres Branche** is a lovely little French bistro-resto located next to the beautiful Golden Gate monument. Inside, tables are snugly set close together, as they would be in almost any eatery in France. Start with their tasting plate, and then take in, literally, the eggs benedict with a choice of ham or salmon accompanying perfectly-poached eggs and spot-on hollandaise sauce. To be enjoyed with ample quantities of their very drinkable, French, house wine.

*Find them at **Lysenko 4**, call ahead (advised): **+38 044 278 6125**.*

### NINA'S FAVORITE SPOT TO BRUNCH

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Having brunch in Качоровска is more akin to waking up in a paradise with only one difference – fancy shoes and fabulous bags act as breathtaking scenery. Stop in at 08.00 and be treated to fresh-baked croissants with soulful coffee. Take your time before the place gets crowded with city shoe lovers and coffee-to-go fans.

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# CRAZYTOWN



WHAT'S ON

# What's On the Menu

## Posh in Pozniaky

UKRAINE'S TOP MEAT GRILL  
OPEN'S LEFT-BANK LOCALE –  
READ ON FOR THE GOOD STUFF.

Lee Reaney and Serzh Velychanskyi

When we heard that, on 3 December, Argentina Grill opened its second location in Kyiv – and the first on the city's left-bank – we sent a couple of What's Oners to check it out. Voted Ukraine's Best Meat Restaurant at the 2017 Salt Awards, our own Serzh Velychanskyi and Lee Reaney wine, dined, and sat down with restaurant co-owner Pavel Moroz.

### LOCATION / CLIENTELE

**Lee:** So Kyiv's left bank isn't exactly where most restaurateurs would think to build a high-end steakhouse specialising in foreign fare. I've never even been to Pozniaky. How'd you settle on this area?

**Pavel:** This area was strategic. It's highly-populated and many people here have just purchased a new apartment. It's been less than a month and already it's becoming quite difficult to find a table on the weekends.

**Serzh:** I bet – the natural sunlight, great nighttime views, spacious décor, and rustic trimmings – you must attract many corporate parties as well.

**Pavel:** Sure, but people come for the food! Our location in Obolon has been nominated one of the top 10 restaurants in Ukraine for the past three years by the prestigious SALT Awards. And our location in Kharkiv was named Best Meat Restaurant in Ukraine in 2017.

### ATMOSPHERE / SERVICE

**Lee:** So we were greeted in Spanish on arrival – by both staff and your enormous 'Hola' sign at the entrance. It seems all of your staff can speak English. Is this a requirement for the job?

**Pavel:** We offer our own "mini MBA" in the fields of human resources, marketing, and management to servers. It's our commitment to high-level service and management that makes us stand out.

**Serzh:** There aren't so many grill houses in Ukraine, never mind ones that are Argentina-inspired. How did a couple of guys from Kharkiv come up with the idea?

### MAKE SURE YOU TRY...

*The Big Black Burger – they serve it with black rubber gloves so your hands stay clean*

*The Ribeye Steak – either from Ukraine or from the US*  
*Churros – a traditional Ibero-American treat – a MUST!*



### EDIBLE INVENTORY

Black Burger (490g)	229 UAH
Grilled Pork Ribs (300g)	261 UAH
Wine (750ml), Merlot from Argentina	183 UAH

**TOTAL = 673 UAH**

**Pavel:** I love to cook meat, so you could say we have excellent qualifications. We wanted to open a meat restaurant, but not your average steakhouse. After travelling Europe, we saw many Argentinian restaurants. Argentinian cuisine is 70% Spanish and 30% Italian. That's where the idea of an affordable steakhouse came from.

### FOOD / DRINK

**Lee:** Looking at the menu, there is a great variety of prices. Your burgers are 229 UAH for 490g, while your ribeye steaks run anywhere from 516 UAH to 1 099 UAH for 400g. Even your wines have a great range, from 183 UAH for a bottle of your Argentinian merlot to 592.50 UAH for the Argentinian malbec. Is this by design?

**Pavel:** Our idea was to keep it in the middle – affordable food for everyone and high-end dishes for those in the mood. The most important thing is the quality of ingredients, with our more expensive meats imported from Europe and the US. We can

prepare them to perfection in Ukraine's only Argentinian Parilla grill or our very own Jospier oven.

**Serzh:** Do you have any dishes that you like to recommend? Or that are your own personal favourites?

**Pavel:** All of the foods developed here are cooked in full accordance with Argentinian norms. Our most popular dishes are the ribeye and T-bone steaks. Our burgers are excellent and that's what I like. All of our dishes are very tasty.

### FUTURE PLANS

**Lee:** So what's next for the Argentina Grill?

**Pavel:** We are currently building two new locations, including one that we hope to open in Podil this spring. We don't just want a handful of restaurants, we have a vision to become an international brand, with up to 300 locations worldwide. Currently we're emphasising Eastern countries, like India, China, and the Middle East. Our partner is headed to Dubai tonight to look at opportunities there.

**Serzh:** Anything else you'd like our readers to know?

**Pavel:** There are restaurateurs, and then there are restaurant businesspeople. I like things to be natural. We'll let our food do the talking.

### THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

English Menu	✓
English-speaking staff	✓
Wifi	✓
Price	\$\$
<b>WO Rating</b>	★★★★★

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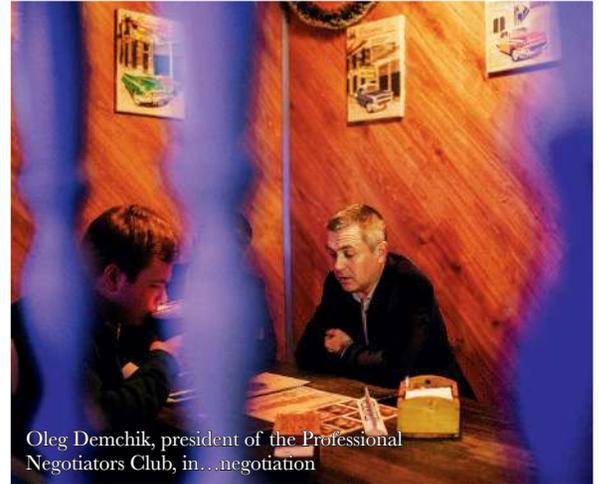
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# What's In Focus



A new face in town



Oleg Demchik, president of the Professional Negotiators Club, in...negotiation

## ALL CHRISTMASSED UP

It was a full house at Kyiv's colourful Cuban restaurant, Habana, on **15 December** as networking turned festive for the 2017 Fryday After-work Christmas Party. The event was enjoyed by several hundred business people from across the globe, all in jolly festive spirits. As the night went on, networking turned to dancing as guests enjoyed live Cuban music and performances from the talented proprietor Nelson Carrasco and his band.



WO's Lee Reaney knows what you want for Christmas



Tetiana Medvid and Nadya Kruzman join the festivities



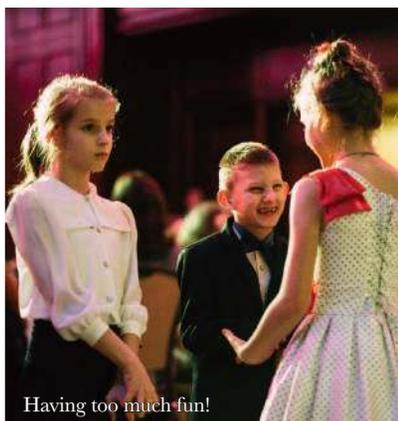
## IT'S PARTY TIME

On **21 December**, the premiere of British tragicomedy *Party*, starring Christine Scott Thomas, Emily Mortimer, Cillian Murphy, and Patrice Clarkson, premiered at Kiev Cinema. Guests of the event were treated to cocktails from Jack Daniel's and had fun with a stylised photozone, where no one missed the opportunity to capture a pic with characters from the film.

Were you one of the lucky ones who was there??

**CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN**

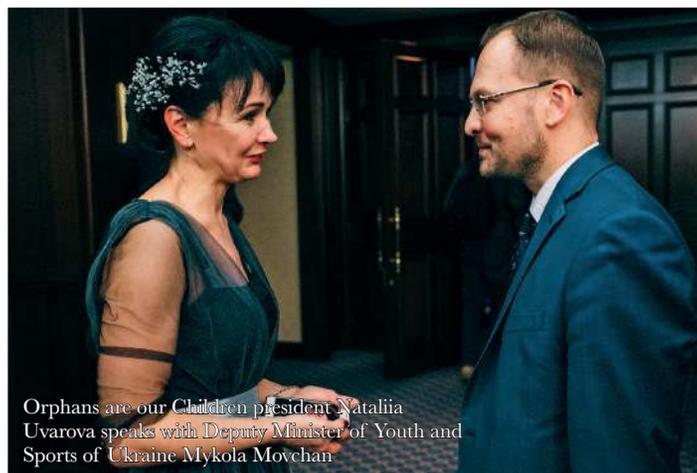
The international charitable organisation Orphans are our Children celebrated the New Year on **9 January** at the Premiere Palace with a whole host of dignitaries. But the real guests of honour were those from the Kalinka, Solomaha, Ischuk, and Ray of Hope orphanages. From a beautiful spread to dancing with local stars to a visit from Did Moroz, the evening went off without a hitch, and all went home with bellies full and hearts happy.



Having too much fun!



Yulia Ivanii of the Orphans are our Children project with Ambassador to Malasia Datuk Ayauf Bachi



Orphans are our Children president Nataliia Uvarova speaks with Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine Mykola Movchan



Prabowo Himawan of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia talks to Vitya and other children from the Ray of Hope orphanage



Fashion photographer Gennadiy Chernomashencev, Victoria Gres, stylist Igor Ignatenko and model Iryna Dyudenko



Stylist Vyacheslav Dyudenko



The Timeless Gres Collection



Actor Oleksiy Vertynskiy

**TIMELESS GRES**

We had the distinct pleasure to take in the opening of the Timeless Gres event by one of Ukraine’s best designers – Victoria Gres on **16 December**. With 24 years in the business, Gres has helped transform the country’s fashion industry, and will no doubt continue to wow at the next Ukrainian Fashion Week in February. Hopefully you caught the post on our FB page – anyone was free to take in the exhibition at the Serip Organic Lighting showroom until 23 December.

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