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We've got a list of spots  
to take in the game and  
enjoy the atmosphere  
outside of stadium  
borders*

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cushioned by the air –  
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and the thrill of flying  
with our Aeroprakt  
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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



*“A measure of any good outdoor event where beer is the main beverage is an abundance of toilets...”*

There is little talk of anything at the moment other than football. It's true: the 2018 UEFA Champions League Final is a pretty momentous occasion, and that Kyiv got the nod is even more considerable. It's been a year and a half since the big announcement and means football fans will certainly get their fill of eastern Europe with the final in Kyiv this month, and the World Cup kicking off in Russia in June.

Ukraine is no stranger to football, fans, or the frivolity that ensues when you put those two together – we hosted Euro 2012 six years ago to huge success across the country. A measure of any good outdoor event where beer is the main beverage – which certainly was the case along the entirety of Khreschatyk dressed up as the fan zone – is an abundance of toilets, which there were. The city might do well to return them permanently, lest the smell of Ukrainian summer beat down upon Kyiv residents in all its pungent glory. But I digress.

With the fan zone being returned to Khreschatyk and another being set up in Podil, including team fan zones popping up in various locations in the centre, there will be no shortage of venues to enjoy a little footy banter with those from across Europe. The guys will undoubtedly enjoy the opportunity to practice their English and blow the froth off a couple with the Scousers (that is if they can understand them), while the girls are sure to go gaga over Real Madrid and the fact that Ronaldo and Bale are in their city. NB: ladies – we've got a short feature on how you can get hitched to a foreigner further in the issue, may the best man – or woman – win. I have to be honest, though I put my time in as the dutiful girlfriend down the pub in the early days, I'm not the biggest football fan. The egos and salaries associated turn me off and I find the drama on the pitch at the slightest tap overly theatrical. However, I am thrilled that there are thousands who do not share this opinion, as few would likely have this former soviet state on their bucket list otherwise.

So, to all of you crazy football fans out there, those who are making the trip to watch what will undoubtedly be a great game in the Olympic Stadium on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month, and even more especially to those who don't have a ticket but are making the trip anyway, let me personally welcome you to our great city. Kyiv is a fabulous place to spend some time, with numerous quirks and interesting corners, fabulous food, beautiful people, and a heartbeat that ensures any who descend on our historic and picturesque hills will indeed return. May you be so lucky, and may those of us who call Kyiv home, be so lucky to share a pint with you while you are here.

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Brian Bonner

# Stopping Russian Aggression in Syria

It's long past time for Syrians and Ukrainians to unite to stop the wars in their countries and work more closely together to persuade the rest of the world to put greater pressure on Russia, the imperial power which has caused so much death and destruction in these two dismembered nations. That's one goal of the Kyiv Post's 18 June conference "Stopping Russian Aggression in Syria & Ukraine".

The newspaper's heightened interest in Syria certainly owes to the 21 March purchase of the newspaper by Odesa businessman Adnan Kivan, a Syrian native who wants to see the day when Bashar al-Assad no longer rules, the war in his homeland over, and millions of refugees living abroad return to rebuild a democratic society. While Kivan has provided the impetus, the connection between Russia's aims in Syria, Ukraine, and elsewhere have been there all along to those who examine it. Those ties, for example, feature prominently in historian and best-selling author Timothy D. Snyder's latest book,

## UKRAINE'S AIM OF THE 18 JUNE CONFERENCE

great or bring the Soviet Union back to life, has decided to make his nation feared as he strives to weaken democracies in the West, namely Europe and America, and position himself as a key Middle East player.

How does Putin use Syria to accomplish these malevolent goals? "Russia would bomb Syria to generate refugees, then encourage Europe to panic," Snyder writes. "Russian aircraft dropped non-precision ("dumb") bombs from high altitudes. Even if the targets had been military, non-precision bombing would have guaranteed more destruction and more refugees making their way to Europe. But Russia was not generally targeting ISIS bases. Human rights organisations reported the Russian bombing of mosques, clinics, hospitals, refugee camps, water treatment plants, and cities in general."

One of the Kremlin's goals in all this destruction, Snyder writes, was to weaken German Chancellor Angela Merkel politically. Besides succeeding, far-right, anti-immigration, anti-refugee, and anti-European Union political forces gained strength in Europe.

"The Russian response was in effect to say: if Merkel wants refugees, we will provide them, and use the issue to destroy her government and German democracy," Snyder writes. Besides military force, the Russian strategy also deploys the same kind of lies and disinformation as in Ukraine and elsewhere. Uniting Syrians and Ukrainians is no easy task. Millions of both are living outside their countries. And the nature, scale and complexity of the two wars are vastly different. Syria is undergoing a seven-year civil war in which not only Russia is taking al-Assad's side, other

forces are intervening on various sides, including Iran, Turkey, Iraq, Kurds, the United States, Great Britain, France and Islamic fighters. By contrast, Ukraine's war is all Russia's making. Launched in 2014 with the military invasion and annexation of Crimea, it followed by the war in eastern Donbas, after the Euro-Maidan Revolution drove Kremlin-backed Viktor Yanukovich from power.

At least 700 000 Syrians have been killed in the fighting, but no one knows for sure because the United Nations has stopped counting. This compares to 10 300 killed in Ukraine's war. The common denominator is that most of the casualties are civilians. War crimes abound in both conflicts, but al-Assad's use of chemical weapons is the most horrendous.



Syria's population might have dropped from 25 million to 18 million, with as many as seven million refugees now living in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Germany, and elsewhere. Ukraine's displaced population is estimated at 1.5 million, with a population of 42 million people.

What is happening in both nations is heartbreaking. But there is little time for sadness or reflection. Action is urgently needed against the common enemy. And the 18 June conference is one of the Kyiv Post's contributions to this worthy effort.



The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America. What's On readers intimately know the aim of Russia's war against Ukraine – it's part of a centuries-long refusal to acknowledge Ukraine as an independent nation. The Kremlin's aim in supporting the Syrian dictator al-Assad is similarly evil. Vladimir Putin, unable to make Russia

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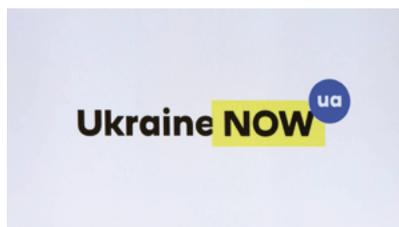
The Kyiv Post conference, Stopping Russian Aggression in Syria & Ukraine, is free and open to the public. Register online at the Kyiv Post website to reserve seating.



## Zelyonka and 5h1t

Here's a fact: many Russians live in Kyiv. Indeed many Russians live across all of Ukraine, and to see a Russian-plated car is not uncommon. Ninety-nine point nine per cent of the time, occupied areas aside, these people are simply guests in the country who are required to abide by the laws and entitled to live a peaceful life here. On 9 May, a few cretinous orcs decided to douse one Russian resident of the capital with a green antiseptic fluid, mixed with feces. The gentleman in question heads the Kyiv branch of a Russian agency promoting science and culture and had been observing the annual traditions of honouring Soviet war dead at the time the attack happened.

The victim, Konstantin Vorobyov, may or may not have sympathies with Russia's actions against Ukraine, but that's not the point. If this handful of young folk are themselves concerned enough about Russia's actions, the correct place for them to vent their anger is alongside the brave men and women on the front-line, not in Kyiv, not through vigilantism, and certainly not through mob force. The recruiting office is open 9-5, Monday through Friday. Want to show you're big and strong? Go and serve your country properly. Bullying and intimidation are the tactics of cowards.



## Ukraine Now!

In an effort to do more to promote Ukraine, the government just announced a new logo and slogan that will attempt to brand the country as a destination of choice for investors, tourists, and anybody else who might want to realise the potential of the country. Cool.

To assist the authorities in their promo campaign, might we suggest a few run-on slogans:

Ukraine Now needs to show the world details of the impressive reforms undertaken in the last few years.

Ukraine Now needs to lay out a detailed road map for further reforms.

Ukraine Now isn't perfect, but, those who bravely stood to change their country really deserve a pat on the back.

Ukraine Now should be booming, steps to open the country to foreign investment and expertise are long overdue. Talking about commencing transparent privitisation of State Owned Enterprises is all well and good, however, to be frank, this should have happened already a couple of years ago.

Ukraine Now is a rallying cry, a good start, a talking point, let's build on it.

(OK, admittedly they're all a bit too long to be catchy, but speaking truth to power isn't a battle of soundbites, it's a battle for ideas and a call for meaningful dialogue. You're welcome.)



## English Songstress to Grace CL Final

Talk of the town, Champions League final, and here's one more little-known bit that you may be interested in: the entertainment to calm the nerves of the fans in the stadium on the 26th will be provided by English singer/songwriter Dua Lipa! No doubt she will perform hits *New Rules* and *IDGAF* while those seated in the stands certainly do *GAF* about how the next few hours of their lives will unfold. Her Kyiv performance is just one more way Lipa has been linked to Ukraine recently: just last month she was snapped in Azerbaijan wearing an outfit by Ukrainian designer Ksenia Shnaider at the Baku Formula 1 Grand Prix. Welcome to Kyiv Ms Lipa!

## The Very Best in Ukrainian Film

The top films in Ukrainian cinema were honoured last month at Ukraine's own version of the Academy Awards (Golden Dzygas). *Cyborgs*, the \$2 million USD film recounting the heroic defence of the Donetsk International Airport, was the big winner of the night, winning Best Picture, Best Actor (Vyacheslav Dovzhenko), Best Supporting Actor (Victor Zhdanov), Best Screenwriter (Natalia Vorozhbit), and two other awards. *Falling*, Ukraine's entry for Best Foreign Film at the actual Academy Awards, was also recognised, winning Best Actress (Dasha Plakhtiy), Best Composer (Nikita Moiseev), and Best Sound Engineering (Sergey Stepansky). Other notable winners were the 1920s Kharkiv-set *House of Word* for Best Documentary, *Prychymna: The Story of Love* for Best Animated Film, and Sergei Loznitsa as Best Director for *A Gentle Creature*. The red carpet ceremony was held at Kyiv's Parkovy Exhibition Centre on 20 April.





Anna Azarova

## Sleeper: Born to Walk

BACK IN 2014, AMIDST THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT CLASHES AND OUSTING OF THEN-PRESIDENT VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH, THE ANNEXATION OF CRIMEA, AND THE SUBSEQUENT HOSTILITIES IN EASTERN UKRAINE, TWO GIRLS IN THEIR EARLY 20S DECIDED TO LAUNCH SLEEPER – A BRAND THAT WOULD CHANGE THE NOTION OF LOUNGEWEAR FOR GOOD.

It is not easy to catch them – Asya Varetsa is now based in NYC while Kate Zubarieva has a schedule full of business trips. Still, the girls made time for *What's On* and told us about a pivotal turning point in their life rooted in Kyiv, where it all started four years ago. Varetsa remembers. “In late November 2013, I was relocating from Moscow to Kyiv. My train arrived at the station in the morning of the day the pro-European protests started. Kate came straight from Maidan Nezalezhnosti to meet me. She was a true Maidan activist.”

### WHAT DREAMS MAY COME

These former editors of *Elle Russia* (Varetsa) and *Pink* (Zubarieva) were both unemployed at the time. One afternoon, cooped up in their apartment, they found themselves engrossed in *Curly Sue* and Kelly Lynch's character who, above all, looked stunning in her home-wear.

The idea of creating trendy homewear came to Kate in a dream on Christmas eve. Six months later, the girls launched the first collection of ‘walking sleepwear’ with a start-up capital of just 2 000 USD.

Equally good for nights and days, chic Sleeper pyjamas and robes are multifunctional and can be worn both indoors and outdoors – to coffee shops, parks, art gal-

*“Until midday, I am occupied with non-office things – meetings, negotiations, writing texts, or working with documents. I promise myself not to check e-mails before breakfast – but usually do not stick to this. I spend most evenings with my friends, family, and loved ones.”*  
~ Kate Zubarieva

leries, theatres, and parties. The pair says the idea is you can easily mix the silk top of your pyjamas with a business suit, silk pants with a T-shirt, and pyjamas with a trench. The robe can serve as a summer coat or wrap dress.

### COMFORT AND BEAUTY

Sleeper espouses the aesthetics of comfort, which nowadays means you feel good wherever you go and in whatever you do. It is all about your perception of making the world a comfortable place. The duo agree: “Sleeper is a story about love for yourself and what happens to you when you are alone. It is as vital as socialising.”

After making their debut with the Fall/Winter '14-'15 collection, Sleeper was noticed by Franca Sozzani, *Vogue Italia*'s editor-in-chief, who named it brand-of-the-month. Last year, *Marie Claire US* declared a Sleeper linen off-the-shoulder dress “the best garment of the year”. In 2017, Sleeper's revenues grew by 150% compared to 2016, and by 500% compared to 2014, with the US market currently accounting for 80% of sales.

The girls' collections are now available at Barneys, Harrods, *Moda Operandi*, *Opening Ceremony*, *Secret Location*, *Mohawk Store*, *Fortnum & Mason*, and many other stores all over the world. Sleeper's fans include *Leandra Medine*, *Emily Ratajkowski*, *Aurora James*, *Rita Ora*, *Mira Duma*, *Veronika Heilbrunner*, and *Eleonora Carisi*.

One name is still missing in this impressive list. Varetsa and Zubarieva add, “At the

very beginning, we drew inspiration from Kelly Lynch starring in *Curly Sue*. To see her wearing our robe suit would be the highest honour.”

Sleeper also offers options for children and men, however a ‘walking sleepwear’ concept appeals less to the guys. “After all, men are not as resolute as women, and many of them are quite conservative. By no means, this applies to all our clients – there are some who confidently wear our pajamas with loafers, Varetsa and Zubarieva say. “It's very cool.”

*“My day starts with breakfast – it's essential as it's the only time when I can sit down and prepare for the day. I am a hard worker and spend time productively, but I have a rule that I put aside my laptop at 19.00. Then I usually cook dinner, go out on a date, or meet my friends.”*  
~ Asya Varetsa

### ORIGINATING FROM...

Though Varetsa moved from Russia to Kyiv, Sleeper is a 100% Ukrainian brand. The pair elaborate: “The brand was created in Ukraine by Ukrainian women. Furthermore, Sleeper stems from Kyiv's Podil. There is so much freedom in the brand: while creating it, we felt like we were utterly free.”

Headquartered on Bratska Street, Sleeper supports local production and artisan-manufacturing traditions with all pieces hand-crafted out of natural eco-friendly fibres only, such as silk, linen, and cotton. A dedicated seamstress with 30 years' experience spends 8-12 hours on one item. Sleeper never stops dreaming. The next step will be setting up an office in NYC.

### WHERE TO PURCHASE

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# What's the Score?

Lee Reaney & Paul Niland



# GAME

ON 24 AND 26 MAY, KYIV WILL HOST TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GAMES IN EUROPEAN, EVEN WORLD, FOOTBALL – THE UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINALS! DIDN'T MANAGE TO LAND YOURSELF A TICKET? NO PROBLEM. LET US HELP.

## WHERE TO ENJOY THE ATMOS

First off, some will be wondering why the plural on “finals” – the Champions League final is a one-off winner-takes-all affair, right? Actually, yes, but there are two finals, one for Europe’s best ladies’ teams, and one for the top men’s teams. The first final will take place in the iconic Lobonovsky Stadium: the ladies of Germany’s VfL Wolfsburg will go toe to toe with France’s Lyon. Then, European footballing powerhouses Real Madrid and Liverpool go head to head in the Olympisky Stadium two days later, on 26 May.

### THE FINAL

In the men’s, a quick look at the record of results when these two teams have faced each other in European competition shows that Real are the better bet. But, as Liverpool proved one incredible night in Istanbul, in this match, nothing can be taken for granted. In the 2005 final, Liverpool trailed Italian giants A.C. Milan by three goals to nothing at

half time seemingly an insurmountable lead against such formidable opponents in a match of this magnitude. By the time the ref blew his whistle at the end of 90 minutes, Liverpool had pulled the score line back to 3-3 and the Scousers went on to win the match in a penalty shootout after extra time. Maybe only Manchester United’s 1999 Champions League win was more dramatic, where Teddy Sherinigham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored a goal each in injury time to break the hearts of Germany’s Bayern Munich and secure the treble for United.

Madrid, home to footballing legend Cristiano Ronaldo of course, have won this trophy 12 times in their history, which is more than any other club, and the recent form of Los Blancos cannot be ignored, as they have won this tournament for the last two seasons running. This is one game definitely worth watching. So, where can you do that if you don’t have one of those golden tickets? Read on.

### UEFA CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL ON KHRESCHATYK

Like Euro 2012 and Eurovision 2017 fan zones, Kyiv’s central Khreshchatk Street will be home to the official UEFA Champions Festival area. From the TSUM retail store to Maidan Nezholesnosti (Independence Square), Kyiv’s city centre will be transformed into a fantastic festival for football fans. You’ll be able to get your picture with the Champions League trophy, win great prizes at sponsor booths, mingle with fans from around the world, and even catch a legends football game on 26 May featuring Ukrainian national team manager and football legend Andriy Shevchenko and Kyiv mayor and former boxing world heavyweight champion Vitaliy Klitschko. Entrance is free but note – the game will NOT be shown at this location.

#### Hours of operation:

📞 24-25 May: 11:00 – 23:00

📞 26 May: 11:00 – 20:00

📞 27 May: 11:00 – 21:00



## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PHERE

### KONTRAKTOVA PLOSHCHA FAN ZONE

This one-day fan zone will be THE place to catch the game. Located in Podil, this square will likely play host to tens of thousands of fans eager to watch history in the making. Operated by the Kyiv City Council, this square will attract fans from across the spectrum – Ukrainian and guests to the city, die-hard footy fans and those just interested in the spectacle. Probably even ticket-less fans from Real Madrid and Liverpool will converge here. If you want to be in the biggest place to watch the game, better get there early for a good viewing spot.

### SHEVCHENKO PARK & THE NATIONAL PALACE OF ARTS TEAM FAN ZONES

If you are a fan of one of the teams, then you can stop by these locations to mingle with other fans who have made the trek to Kyiv. Liverpool fans will congregate in Shevchenko Park, while fans of Real Madrid will be accommodated close to the

National Palace of Arts. These spots are each a 15-minute walk from the stadium. This is where traveling club fans will get ready for the game and be the departure point from which they'll set off to the game together. Food kiosks and information desks will be available at both sites. If you support one of the finalists, or just if you want to sample the pre-game buzz, be sure to stop by.

### BARS, PUBS, AND RESTAURANTS

If you – like many others – weren't fortunate enough to get your hands on tickets to the big match, here is your definitive guide to where to catch all the action outside the stadium.

There are many other places that will have the game on, but with over 100,000 football fans from around the world expected to converge on the Ukrainian capital, you're well advised to book a table at your favourite location well in advance. For such a major occasion, most places will require you pay a deposit when making a reservation, against which your food and drink tab will be offset. A few places are particularly popular amongst foreigners, including:

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#### **Just Relax American Bar & Grill**

📱 [relax.justrelax](https://relax.justrelax.com)  
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#### **Shooters Kyiv**

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#### **Champions League Finals in Kyiv**

📅 24 May

📍 [Lobanovskiyi Stadium \(Hrushevskoho 3\)](#)

📅 26 May

📍 [Olympic Stadium \(Velyka Vasylkivska 55\)](#)

🌐 [uefa.com](http://uefa.com)

# What's On all over Kyiv

Lee Reaney

# Kids

## in Kyiv

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE VERY NEARLY HERE AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME TO GET READY BECAUSE IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN – THE KIDS ARE COMING HOME.

Don't worry, What's On has you covered with this guide to activities for kids in the Ukrainian capital. So, sit down with your children, take their phones away, and read through this article to see what to do with your kiddos in Kyiv.

## ATTRACTIONS

### DREAM ISLAND JURASSIC AQUA PARK

With a dinosaur theme and 24 km<sup>2</sup> of pools, slides, and rivers, Dream Town's Aqua Park is one of the most popular places for kids in the city. There is a special kids area with slides, trampolines, and games like water polo and basketball. There is a spa area for the grown-ups to relax, or the family can soak up the sun when the roof is removed. They'll also take care of birthday parties.

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📍 *Obolonsky Pr 1b*

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### DREAM TOWN MALL'S ENTERTAINMENT AREA

Many of Kyiv's most popular shopping centres were specifically built with family shopping experiences in mind and feature entertainment areas for kids, often even with supervision, allowing parents to have a more relaxing shopping experience. Dream Town Mall, located near Minska metro station, offers plenty of activities for kids. As well as the Aqua Park just men-

tioned, there's Kyiv's largest roller skating park, an ice rink, arcade, go-karts, bowling, a movie theatre, a shooting gallery, and even a zoo! Be sure to stop by the laboratory of the crazy professor! For younger children, there is a supervised play area.

☎ Prices vary

📍 *Obolonsky Pr 1b*

☎ +380 44 428 3611

🌐 [dreamtown.ua/en](http://dreamtown.ua/en)

### BLOCKBUSTER ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Another all-in-one entertainment complex to check out is the Blockbuster Entertainment Centre, located not far from the Pochayna metro station and the Experimentanium centre (more on this later). With a cinema, go-karts, rope park, VR room, mirror labyrinth, bowling alley, rollerdrome, arcade, and upside-down house, there is something for every kid. Be sure to check out Kidlandia – City of Professions (on the next page), escape quest, and the Madagascar play area with animators. They'll even clean your car for you while you're inside with the kids!

☎ Prices vary

📍 *Stepan Bandera 34b*

☎ +380 44 498 3000

🌐 [blockbuster.ua](http://blockbuster.ua)

### HYDROPARK

While this amusement park in the middle of the Dnipro River has seen better days, there is still plenty of activities to keep the young ones busy in the middle of summer. Created in the late 1960s,

the 365-hectare park is home to beaches, water attractions, rides, restaurants, and boating clubs. Many of the beaches are themed and include one specifically for kids. Kids that love sports and the outdoors will love the area. You can rent boats and kayaks, play tennis or badminton, join a game of football, or even try paintballing. Be sure to check out the Kyiv in Miniature exhibition, which has 48 of the city's most famous landmarks in a miniature 1:33 scale (10-15 UAH entrance, free for kids under 8).

☎ Prices vary

📍 *On the Dolobetsk and Venice islands on the Dnipro River*

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🌐 [gidropark.org.ua](http://gidropark.org.ua)

### CHILDREN'S RAILROAD

One of the most popular activities in the Soviet Union and other communist countries, these relics offer your kids a step back in time to another lifetime and culture. Found in many cities around Ukraine and in central and eastern Europe, Kyiv's can be found in the lovely Syrecky Park near the Syrets metro station. These small railroads are unique in that children aged 9-15 are the drivers and engineers. Built in 1953, the highlight of this 10-minute 2.8-kilometre trip is the bridge 20 metres above the ravine. Kids under six ride free!

☎ Children: 11.25 UAH,  
Adults: 15.00 UAH

📍 *Shamrylo 4*

☎ +380 44 458 4834

🌐 [dzd-ussr.ru/towns/kiev](http://dzd-ussr.ru/towns/kiev)

## LEARNING

### KIDLANDIA – CITY OF PROFESSIONS

Want your kids to learn the value of making a dollar? Take them to Kidlandia – City of Professions at the Blockbuster Entertainment Centre. This sprawling complex is a country for children, with its own economy, laws, and currency. Children are given 30 ‘landes’ to begin their careers and can choose from any of over 100 professions to earn more. From firefighter or police officer to beautician or fitness instructor to pilot or model or cook, your child can earn while they learn! Landes can be spent on site at places like the gaming centre or deposited in the bank for a future visit. English-speakers will need a translator, but it’s a great place to bring a group for a birthday. The Kidsville Profession Centre ([kidswill.com.ua](http://kidswill.com.ua)) is much the same idea, with 100 jobs like working on a farm, at city hall, or even at a chocolate factory.

👶 Children: 169-259 UAH,  
Adults: 98-115

📍 *Stepan Bandera 34b*

☎ +380 44 498 4848

🌐 [kidlandia.ua](http://kidlandia.ua)

### EXPERIMENTANIUM

Located just down the road from the Blockbuster Entertainment Centre is Experimentanium – Kyiv’s science centre. Opened in 2012, kids with an interest in science and hands-on activities will feel right at home among the 250 exhibits at Experimentanium. Experiment by tossing a coin into a ‘black hole’, watch the birth of a tornado, create a zipper, or look into infinity! With a chemical laboratory, hall of optical illusions, a fun house, and several shows, there is something to do for everyone! Each exhibit explains how it works, so kids learn while they play. Exhibits are in Ukrainian, but there are English-speaking tour guides available to order. All kids under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

👶 Children: 165-200 UAH,

Adults 180-220 UAH

📍 *Stepan Bandera 6*

☎ +38 0 96 477 9791, +380 99 256 7127,

+380 44 383 7354

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

### PLANETARIUM

Do your kids up at into the sky and ask you what’s out there? Do they ask you about the constellations when you go camping? Kyiv’s Planetarium is just the place for them. The oldest and most prestigious in Ukraine, the Kyiv Planetarium is Europe’s second-largest and attracts



150 000 visitors each year. There are lots of scientific and technological exhibits, a place to play space hockey or fend off alien invaders, and the impressive 360° 320-seat theatre. Not only can you view the night sky of Kyiv, but you can visit places around the world – from the North Pole to the equator to Antarctica. Weekends offer spectacular star shows and movies on the dome screen. You can even enrol your children aged 5 to 14 in their School of Astronomy, which offers entertaining weekly astronomy classes. English classes are available.

👶 100-400 UAH

📍 *Velyka Vasylkivska 27/3*

☎ +380 44 458 4834

🌐 [dzd-ussr.ru/towns/kiev](http://dzd-ussr.ru/towns/kiev)

### OCEANARIUM

From the heights of the skies to the depths of the oceans, if your kids loved Finding Nemo or are big fans of our underwater friends, then Kyiv’s Oceanarium is just for them. Your adventure begins with a pirate taking you below-ground on a sunken ship where you can see king crabs and coral. There is an underwater tunnel that allows you to see all kinds of sea creatures like jellyfish, sea horses, and turtles. If you go at the right time, you can even watch the sharks feeding! There’s even a touch pool, where your youngins can play with starfish and stingrays. With plenty more exhibits, activities, and shows, there’s so much to keep the whole gang entertained.

👶 Children (up to 13): 130 UAH,

Adults 170 UAH

📍 *Malishka 3*

☎ +380 44 50 7022

🌐 [oceanarium.kiev.ua/en](http://oceanarium.kiev.ua/en)

## WORKSHOPS (FOOD, CHESS, DANCE, ART)

Whether your kids are into art, food, sports, dance, or games, it’s easy to find a workshop to suit every interest. Most workshops are offered in English, so no need to bring along a translator. Many are uniquely Ukrainian activities, so it’s a fun, hands-on way to teach your children about the country. Artistic children may want to try their hands at psyanka (Ukrainian egg) or petrykivka painting, while burgeoning chefs can learn to cook borsch or varenyky at Lihtaryk Art Studio ([lihtaryk.com.ua](http://lihtaryk.com.ua)).

Science and journalism clubs are available at the Palace for Youth ([palace.kiev.ua](http://palace.kiev.ua)), and some classes are offered in English. Ukraine boasts some of the best chess players in the world, so why not teach your budding Bobby Fischer the game while they’re still young? There are plenty of world-class private tutors available or you can look at Dom Masterclass ([2015.dimmk.com](http://2015.dimmk.com)). More active kids can try ballet or Ukrainian dance at many different studios or pick up football or boxing at various sports schools. Equipment and facilities vary widely, so be sure to do your research.

*There will be more in an upcoming issue so stay tuned!*

# Night Life & Family | 15 May – 15 June 2018

## R&B Party

📅 17 May at 23.00  
📍 Shooters (Moskovska 22)  
☎ call for details  
📞 +380 44 254 2024

## Leeroy Thornhill (The Prodigy, 1990 – 2000)

📅 18 May at 22.00  
📍 Forsage (Harmatna 51a)  
☎ call for details  
📞 +38 063 497 9606

## DJ Jay Frog (DE)

📅 18 May at 23.00  
📍 Indigo (Kudryashova 3)  
☎ Call to check  
📞 +380 44 500 0011



## INDUSTRIAL SOUND ECSTASY

### Strichka Festival

📅 19 May at 21.00  
📍 Closer (Nizhneurokovskaya 31)

For five years in a row, a factory that once produced ribbons (or 'strichky' as they are called in Ukrainian), has been at the forefront of electronic music culture, dance culture, and developing culture as a whole on its premises. On the night of May 19/20, thousands of like-minded people will unite to celebrate five years of Closer, shortlisted as one of the top 20 clubs in the world by *Resident Advisor*. Grand in terms of scale yet intimate in terms of atmosphere, this is Strichka Festival, and it is not for the faint of heart. With performances from dozens of DJs hailing from the UK, France, Denmark, and many more countries, it's sure to be one hell of a party!

🎫 Only 2 500 tickets available:  
goo.gl/ra9wsm  
🎫 Offline tickets are available at Savage Food (890 UAH)  
📍 closerkiev

## MOZGI opens the season

📅 18 May at 22.00  
📍 Dali Park (Parkova Rd 16)  
🎫 from 249 UAH  
📍 BestSummerClub

## L8 Park Opening Day: William Kouam Djoko

(NL, Strictly Rhythm)  
📅 25 May at 23.00  
📍 L8 Park (Parkova Rd 16)  
☎ call for details  
📍 L8Park

## Gabriel & Dresden (US, trance)

📅 25 May at 22.00  
📍 Forsage (Harmatna 51a)  
☎ call for details  
📞 +38 063 497 9606

## Adam Port (DE)

📅 25 May at 23.00  
📍 CHI by Decadence House (Parkova 16a)  
☎ call for details  
📞 +38 067 488 2013

## Edward and Oskar Offermann (DK)

📅 26 May at 23.55  
📍 Closer (Nizhneurokovskaya 31)  
☎ call for information  
📍 closerkiev

## Вечна - Bezsna: Legit Trip (Little Helpers, Baile Music) day/night event

📅 27 May from 12.00  
📍 RiverPORT (Nyzhnii Val 67)  
🎫 100 UAH  
📍 RiverPortKyiv

## Alan Abrahams AKA Portable AKA Bodycode (ZA)

📅 2 June at 23.00  
📍 L8 Park (Parkova Rd 16)  
☎ call for details  
📍 L8Park

## Balance & James Zabiela

📅 8 June at 23.00  
📍 Bel Etage Music Hall (Shota Rustaveli 16a)  
🎫 649 UAH  
📍 beletage.musichall

## MESAK (FI) & VERA (DK)

📅 9 June from 23.55  
📍 Lesnoy Prichal (Nyzhnoirukivska 31)  
🎫 200 UAH before 02.00,  
300 UAH after 02.00  
📞 +38 067 250 0308

## WHITE NIGHTS VOL. 6

📅 15-17 June  
📍 Art-Zavod Platforma (Bilomorska 5)  
One of the biggest annual dance events in Ukraine, White Nights vol. 6 will be held on 15-16 June at Kyiv's industrial arts centre – Art Zavod Platforma. Guests will experience performances from more than 100 artists of different musical styles on five stages, there will be a food court from Ulichnaya Eda, the best bars in Kyiv, photo zones, light shows, and hugely high megawatts of sound. Every year White Nights gets bigger and better, where the outcome is simply unpredictable! White Nights vol.6 – for a night brighter than any day.  
🎫 299-549 UAH  
📍 www.whitenights.com.ua



## BOOK ARSENAL

### Book fair-market

📅 30 May-3 June  
📍 Mystetsky Arsenal (Lavrska 10-12)  
Book Arsenal fair-market is one of the year's key cultural events in Kyiv, bringing more than 50 000 visitors to Mystetsky Arsenal every year. And it's not only about books – the five-day programme includes public talks, lectures, art exhibitions, concerts, and theatre performances. The event is usually hosted by several world-famous writers, so be sure to check the dates in your schedule – you'll want to be part of it.  
📍 artarsenal.in.ua

## The Wizard of Oz

Musical for kids  
📅 19 May at 12.00  
📍 Lesi Ukrainky National Academic theatre (B Khmelnytskoho 5)  
🎫 20-80 UAH  
📍 www.rusdram.com.ua

## Koza Dereza

Puppet theatre performance  
📅 19 May at 11.00  
📍 Puppet theatre on the Left Bank of the Dnipro (Myropilska 1)  
🎫 60 UAH  
📍 puppet-theater.kiev.ua

## Arsenal Pro Day

Family Football Festival  
📅 19 May at 10.00-16.00  
📍 Shchzlyve village, Boryspilsky region  
🎫 135 UAH  
📍 www.arsenalkids.info

## Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Musical for kids

📅 20 May at 12.00

📍 Kyiv Operetta Theatre (V Vasylkivska 53/3)

🎫 30-120 UAH

🌐 operetta.com.ua

## A Corporation of Wonders

Illusionist show

📅 20 May at 15.00

📍 Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

🎫 100-290 UAH

🌐 www.1000letie.com.ua

## Around the World

Exhibition of tulips

📅 26-27 May at 10.00

📍 Spivochi Pole (Lavrska 33)

🎫 25-50 UAH

📌 /events/137260400432950/

## Shooting a movie

Educational show-program for children

📅 26 May at 15.00

📍 Tyssyacheletie art-studio (Hryhorenko 26 A)

🎫 200 UAH

🌐 www.1000letie.com.ua



## ARCHIKIDZ!

### Festival of modern architecture and creative industries

📅 2-3 June

📍 Unit.City (Dorohozhytska 1)

We all want our cities to be both vibrant and comfortable, but often we don't know how to change the existing conditions. Why not ask kids for help? Archikidz! festival is the time and space where children in cooperation with some prominent urbanists and architects from Spain, Estonia, and Hong Kong will come up with extraordinary ideas on how to create a city of the future.

🎫 Free

📌 archikidz.ua



## ART IN BLOOM

The streets are a riot of colour at this time of year, and the art world is also getting in on the act, and for the third year running, Kyiv Art Week is going to be adding their own tones. Thirteen art galleries and museums all across the city will host special projects, while the main location of the festival – the Toronto-Kyiv complex, will hold a large-scale five-day art fair with lectures, cinema shows, and a children's programme alongside. What's On chooses three must-visit events for you.

The central and truly sensational event is the presentation of a segment of the restored Memory Wall from Baykove cemetery – sounds unusual, right? The Memory Wall was part of a memorial complex at Baykove cemetery. It took 13 years for its creators Ada Rybachuk and Volodymyr Melnychenko to create the art-piece – a 213-metre long wall with high reliefs depicting images of love, blooming gardens, motherhood, spring, and so on. In 1982, the communist party balked at the work, so it was covered with concrete, which is how it remained for the next 30 years. “We finally got permission from the Kyiv administration and some funding to start the restoration,” Yevhen Bereznytsky, curator of the festival says. “The process involves punch hammers and other heavy machinery working, but on 18 May we plan

to present a 5-square-metre segment of the reliefs. To restore the whole 100-square-metre artwork we are launching a massive crowd-funding campaign as the wall is a unique historical monument.”

You probably know the most artistic and free republic of the world, Uzhupis. Well, this spring, their Minister of Foreign Affairs Thomas Chepaitis will visit Kyiv, bringing an art project and giving a speech on freedom and responsibility in art. “Many artists are gifted with talent, and here their responsibility begins,” Chepaitis says. “The balance between freedom and responsibility in the Uzhupis Republic comes from everyday community living, mutual projects, and friendship. Ukrainian artists are dramatically optimistic. I like the simplicity and folk roots in Ukrainian art, the humour, and the spirit of courage. These days are a great time in Ukrainian history – both my great grandmother and great grandfather are Ukrainians and it is to them I will dedicate my speech at Kyiv Art Week.” Put a mark in your schedule for 23 May at 18.00 (the Toronto-Kyiv complex).

If by any chance you missed the visit of Marina Abramovic to Kyiv last year, you can't miss the presentation of her memoirs *Walk Through Walls!* Picture this, Abramovic is sitting and holding her finger over the flame of a candle – this photo of one of her numerous performances was chosen for the cover of the book and the publishers say it is key to understanding the very essence of her art. Be sure to be there on 25 May at 18.00 (Toronto-Kyiv complex).

## Kyiv Art Week

📅 18-27 May

📍 Toronto-Kyiv complex (V Vasylkivska 100)

🌐 kyivartweek.com/program

## At the Bright Sunshine

Exhibition of paintings by Yuriy Yehorov

📅 20 April – 27 May

📍 National Art Museum (Hrushevskoho 6)

🎫 10-40 UAH

🌐 namu.kiev.ua

## Noble Families and Taras Shevchenko

Exhibition of art works by Taras Shevchenko

📅 22 March – 25 May

📍 Taras Shevchenko National Museum (Shevchenko Blvd 12)

🌐 museumshevchenko.org.ua

## Connection

Exhibition of art works by Olena Naumenko

📅 24 April – 26 May

📍 Shcherbenko Art Centre (Mykhaylivska 22v)

🎫 Free

🌐 shcherbenkoartcentre.com

## Time Crater

Exhibition of art works by Ukrainian artists

📅 19 May – 2 June

📍 Institute of Problems of Modern Art (Konovaltsya 18D)

🎫 Free

🌐 www.mari.kiev.ua

## Cinder

Exhibition of paintings by Petro Smetana

📅 21 May – 4 June

📍 Tryptykh Art Gallery (Desyatyna 13)

🌐 triptych-art.com

## Dreams of Atlantida

Exhibition of works by

Valeriya Trubina

📅 25 May – 8 June

📍 Ra Gallery (B Khmelnytskoho 32)

🌐 ragallery.net

# What's On this Month

Kateryna Kyselyova



# Latest Vintages



**TWENTY-TWO UKRAINIAN WINERIES PLUS AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT FROM EUROPE IS AN EQUATION THAT CAN ONLY EQUAL, SIMPLY, LOTS OF GOOD WINE. ADD TO THIS UKRAINIAN GASTRONOMIC SPECIALTIES AND YOU GET THE KYIV FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL TAKING PLACE AT KYIV'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE (VDNH) ON 19-20 MAY**

Regardless of whether you're a wine connoisseur or a freshman, the Kyiv Food and Wine Festival will welcome you with a guide so you don't get lost, along with a wineglass to ensure you try the full range of wines presented.

## A WEEKEND OF WINOS

Before hitting the booze, participate in the Kyiv Wine Run. The idea behind this event is that you run wearing a carnival costume and all wineries on the way will treat you to their wine! This goes against the idea that drinking wine is a leisurely activity – rather, it's an opportunity to prove wine and exercise can be mixed. The winners will be rewarded respectively – with three, two, or one box of wine. If jogging is not your glass of wine, test your mettle with the oyster battle. Ukraine has local oyster farms which are a guarantee of freshness of product. All you have to do is shuck five oysters and down them faster than other competitors.

Kyiv Food and Wine Festival is not only about wining and dining, it is also educational, so visitors of the event can create a wine map of Ukraine and organisers provide their assurances you'll discover lots of new destinations to add to your wish-list.

## PAIRING AND SHARING

Chances are you may become a fan of Ukrainian wine after the event, so What's On talks to sommelier Yevheniya Nilolaychuk who suggests the perfect food and wine match for parties over the summer months. "For a romantic date I recommend sparkling wine – light, fresh, and bubbly, it will not bother you with complexity but will induce conversation," Nilolaychuk says. "And oysters of course, see if they live up to their reputation as the best aphrodisiacs. This combination is all about 'love being in the air'." "If you're planning a barbecue, my suggestion is light and not very beeswing red

wine – it will match well with anything you are going to grill – meat, fish, vegetables. Don't go for expensive wine, as a barbecue suggests there will be lots being poured." Her choice for a 'girls only' evening is simple – rose. "Fresh and aromatic, rose wines are perfect for girl-talk and complements any starters you might prepare." Want an idea for a picnic? Here you go: a variety of vegetables, some seafood dishes, a bottle of Sauvignon and the appropriate glasses for it. "Why bother with the correct glasses? First of all, it looks great, secondly – only a proper wine glass lets you feel the bright popping aroma of a wine."

## Kyiv Wine and Food Festival Open-air festival

- 📅 19-20 May at 11.00
- 📍 International Exhibition Centre (VDNH) (Hlushkova 1)
- 💰 80 UAH
- 🌐 [www.expocenter.com.ua](http://www.expocenter.com.ua)

## Festival of Capoeira and Brazilian Dance

📅 20 May at 19.00  
 📍 House of Artists (Lvivska Pl 1-5)  
 💰 150-400 UAH  
 📌 CapoeiraUkraine

## Tattoo Collection 14th International Tattoo Festival

📅 18-20 May at 12.00-21.00  
 📍 International Exhibition Centre (Hlushkova 1)  
 💰 From 170 UAH  
 📌 uatattooassociation



## Kyiv Lights Festival

📅 18-20 May  
 📍 River Station (Pochtova Pl 3)  
 📌 KyivLightsFestival

## Festival of Georgian Culture

📅 19 May at 19.00  
 📍 House of Officers (Hrushevskoho 30/1)  
 ☎ +380 44 539 1096

## Kurazh Bazar Night India

📅 25-27 May  
 📍 Art Zavod Platforma (Belomorska 1)  
 📌 kurazhbazar

## Day of Kyiv Folk Art Day

📅 26-27 May  
 📍 Ivan Honchar Museum (Ivana Mazepa 29)  
 📌 HoncharMuseum

## Cheat Meal: Ulichnaya Eda

📅 1-3 June  
 📍 Art Zavod Platforma (Belomorska 1)  
 💰 75 UAH  
 📌 ulichnayaeda

## Kyiv Wine

📅 2-3 June  
 📍 Mezhyhirsk 82  
 💰 750 UAH  
 🌐 kyivwine.com

## International Festival of Colour

📅 9 June at 14.00  
 📍 Ice Stadium (Hlushkova 9)  
 💰 99 UAH  
 🌐 concert.ua



## Champions League Finals Men's UEFA

**Real Madrid vs Liverpool**  
 📅 26 May at 21.45  
 📍 Olympic Stadium (Velyka Vasylkyvska 55)  
 📌 Ticket window closed

## Women's UEFA

**Wolfsberg vs Lyon**  
 📅 24 May at 19.00  
 📍 Dynamo's Lobanovskiy Stadium (Hrushevskoho 3)  
 🌐 esport.in.ua/en/UWCLF2018

For more information, check out page 10-11

## Dynamo Kyiv – Ukrainian Premier League Football

📅 19 May vs. Shakhtar Donetsk  
 📍 Olympic Stadium (55 Velyka Vasylkyvska)  
 💰 35-400 UAH  
 🌐 fcdynamo.kiev.ua/en

## Arsenal Kyiv – Ukrainian First League Football

📅 19 May vs. Kremin  
 📍 Kolos Stadium (Boryspil)  
 🌐 arsenal-kyiv.com

## Kyiv Patriots – AFL American Football

📅 9 June vs. Mariupol Azov Dolphins  
 📅 16 June vs. Kharkiv Atlantes  
 📍 Venue TBC  
 📌 kyivpats

## Kyiv Slavs – AFL American Football

📅 19 May vs. Dnipro Rockets  
 📅 2 June vs. Kharkiv Atlantes  
 📅 16 June vs. Lviv Lions  
 📍 Venue TBC  
 📌 slavs.kiev

## Kyiv Stallions – AFL American Football

📅 9 June vs. Dnipro Spartans  
 📍 Venue TBC  
 🌐 stallions.kyiv.ua

## Ukrainian Karate Championships

📅 18-20 May  
 📍 Centre for Physical Health and Sport of KPI (Verkhnokliuchova 1/26)  
 ☎ +380 93 315 4890

## Avengers: Infinity War

The Avengers and their allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

📅 19-22 May at 17.40  
 📍 Zhovten (Kostyantynivska 26)  
 💰 80-120 UAH  
 🌐 www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua



## Deadpool 2

After surviving a near fatal bovine attack, a disfigured cafeteria chef struggles to fulfill his dream of becoming Mayberry's hottest bartender while also learning to cope.

📅 25-27 May at 18.40  
 📍 Zhovten (Kostyantynivska 26)  
 💰 80-120 UAH  
 🌐 www.zhovten-kino.kiev.ua

## BRITISH THEATRE IN CINEMA

In original language with Ukrainian subtitles

📅 22 May at 19.00 – Macbeth  
 📅 5 June at 19.00 – Hamlet: Cumberbatch  
 12 June at 19.00 – Lady Windermere's Fan  
 📍 Kievo Kino (V Vasylkyvska 19)  
 💰 190 UAH  
 🌐 www.kievkino.com.ua

## English Movies in Kinopanorama

Learn English by watching films! Kinopanorama invites you to practice four times a week.

Every Tuesday & Thursday at 15.00 and 21.00  
 Every Saturday & Sunday at 15.00  
 📍 Kinopanorama (Shota Rustaveli 19)  
 💰 50-80 UAH  
 🌐 www.kinopanorama.com.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

Anna Azarova

## Crossing the Boundaries of Dance

A NEW INDEPENDENT CREATIVE SPACE EMERGED IN KYIV THIS YEAR TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS ALREADY EXPANDING AND VIBRANT CULTURAL SCENE. THE UKRAINIAN DANCE THEATRE (UDT) IS THE COUNTRY'S FIRST PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM THAT ASPIRES TO ACHIEVE SYNERGY OF PRESENT-DAY CHOREOGRAPHY, DRAMA, AND ART. AND THEY DO IT WITH PIZZAZZ.

UDT is the ambitious initiative of Anna Gerus, a winner of international competitions and festivals, and leading soloist at the legendary Kyiv Modern Ballet for 10 years. Their primary task is to help a young generation of talents unleash their potential here in Ukraine. "Nowadays contemporary dance evolves quickly and encompasses a variety of styles and influences – from physical theatre to improvisation. We are always open to experiment. In this sense, UDT offers something unique – we invite other choreographers and dancers to cooperate with us and showcase their visions in multiple genres," Gerus says.

### OFFICIALLY UDT

On 3 and 4 March, UDT marked its official launch with two one-act neo-classical ballets featuring contemporary elements – *Variations of Life* and *The Author*. The first abstract piece has no concrete plot. Rather, its music-driven and technique-focused movements stir the audience's mind with images of eternity, expressing itself in every moment of our existence.

The second shifts to storytelling and tells about a writer who, after a long pause, sets to work on a new novel inspired by hidden secrets from his past. However, the author gets so obsessed with his idea he cannot keep the creative process under control. Less outwardly expressive, every pas, wave of hand, turn of head, and tensed muscle of the dancers are meaningful, measured, and driven from within. Plasticity of the body and physicality of the performance generate a poignant

visual component triggering various emotions in their spectators. "Our theatre also aims to educate and help the public perceive modern dance in its abundance ways and forms," tunes in Michelle Fondue, UDT's assistant choreographer.

In April, the team treated audiences to *The Episodes*, a series of mini shows staged by three different choreographers, including Anna Gerus. On 30 May, UDT will demonstrate another performance based on the ancient gnostic myth about Sophia, the Mother of Creation, who mistakenly plunges into darkness and gives birth to ugly Archons. Like it or loathe it, UDT's bold projects set in motion a new chapter in the capital's rich ballet niche.



### Salvation of an Archon. *Variations of Life*

📅 30 May at 19:00

📍 Kyiv Academic Molodyi Theatre (Provizna 17)

💰 100 – 500 UAH

📌 UkrainianDanceTheatre



Check out the video



## DREAMS THAT LAST FOR CENTURIES

### **Sleeping Beauty**

(UA, premiere, modern ballet)

📅 23 May at 19.00

📍 Ivan Franko Ukrainian Drama Theatre  
(Ivana Franka 3)

Enjoy another audacious take on a classic tale staged by Kyiv Modern Ballet. *Sleeping Beauty*, a joint Ukrainian-Swiss project, will add to their repertoire of *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*. Both Tchaikovsky's music and the earlier version of the story penned by Neapolitan Giambattista Basile in 1634 inspired charismatic choreographer Radu Poklitaru to create something outstanding. A smooth blend of reality and magic unravels an inspiring legend to remind spectators of the true values of life. Of course, the plot is slightly changed – a young king finds his sleeping sweetheart not in 100 years, but in 800 years. You'll have to get a ticket to find out the rest.

🎫 90-1 200 UAH

📌 kmbtheatre

### **Ruslan Yegorow Quartet**

Ukrainian jazz, live piano, unique repertoire

📅 17 May at 20.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)

🎫 180-850 UAH

🌐 www.parter.ua

### **Classical Music in a Garden**

Kyiv Virtuosos Orchestra

📅 18 May at 20.00

📍 Hryshko National Botanical Garden  
(Tymiriazivska 1)

🎫 350 UAH

📌 SvitloConcert

### **Henry Purcell, Dido, and Aeneas**

Baroque opera

📅 19, 20 May at 20.00

📍 Expo Centre of Ukraine, Pavilion No.1  
(Akademika Hlushkova 1)

🎫 300 -1 000 UAH

🌐 www.karabas.com

### **Real Men Don't Strip-Dance**

Super comedy

📅 22 May at 19.00

📍 House of Officers (M Hrushevskoho 30/1)

🎫 100-520 UAH

🌐 www.parter.ua

### **Hector Berlioz, Damnation of Faust**

National Academic Symphony Orchestra

📅 23 May at 19.00

📍 National Philharmonic of Ukraine  
(Volodymyrskyi Descent 2)

🎫 80-400 UAH

🌐 www.philarmonia.com.ua

### **Rainmaker**

Music show

📅 25, 26 May at 19.00

📍 Academic Drama Theatre on Podil  
(Andriivskyi Descent 20b)

🎫 50-500 UAH

🌐 www.theatreonpodol.com

### **Inseno**

Opera without music, premiere

Kyiv Academic Molodyi Theatre and  
Art Syndicate, Greece (Prorizna 17)

📅 27 May, 14 June at 19.00

🎫 150 UAH

🌐 www.molodyytheatre.com

### **House on the Verge of Soul**

Play in 2 acts, premiere

📅 30 May, 3 June at 19.00

📍 Academic Theatre of Drama and Comedy  
on Left Bank (Brovarskyi Avenue 25)

🎫 60-240 UAH

🌐 www.drama-comedi.kiev.ua

### **Bachelor**

Romantic comedy

📅 31 May at 19.00

📍 Palace Ukraine (V Vasylkivska 103)

🎫 100-400 UAH

🌐 www.karabas.com

### **Illusions of Love**

Detective story, love drama and comedy

📅 6 June at 19.00

📍 House of Artists (Sichovykh Striltsiv 1-5)

🎫 150-390 UAH

🌐 www.parter.ua

### **Libertine**

One day in the life of French philosopher  
Denis Diderot

📅 13 June at 19.00

📍 House of Architects (B Hrinchenka 7)

🎫 175-450 UAH

🌐 www.karabas.com



### **REAL MAN, REAL WOMAN**

**Leading Ladies (UA, play)**

📅 7 June at 19.00

📍 House of Officers (M Hrushevskoho 30/1)

What does it take for a man to pretend to be a woman? Is it enough to learn how to strut in high heels, apply makeup, or wear a women's dress? This is what two hapless Shakespearean actors Leo and Jack have to check out. Desperate for money, they decide to pass themselves off as nieces of an old millionairess who has come into an inheritance. However, it is not that easy to nab the jackpot as there are too many rivals contending for the big bucks. Faced with numerous challenges on their path, the main protagonists plot every step of their risky journey until love accidentally strikes and thwarts all their plans.

🎫 100-550 UAH

🌐 www.kiev.karabas.com



## SENTIMENTAL EXPERIENCE

### Cigarettes After Sex (US, dream pop, ambient)

📅 14 June at 20.00

📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)

As described by an anonymous user on YouTube, this group and its oeuvre can be described in three words: rain, Sunday, evening. Indeed, the androgenic voice of Greg Gonzalez is pitching towards melancholia, a catalyst for romantic and dreamy moods, with tunes that run slowly and cause nostalgia. The author of the project injects his memories into each tune, so empathy arises. The name of the band and its self-titled album speaks for itself, and it's no wonder that the song *Nothing's Gonna Hurt You Baby* appeared in an episode of the TV series *Shameless*.

🎫 990 UAH

📱 Atlas37

### Mirabai Ceiba (DE-US, indie)

📅 15 May at 19.00

📍 Artprychal (Naberezhno-Khreshchatitskaya, Dnieper River, pier #2)

🎫 800 UAH

📱 artprychal.com.ua

### Latexfauna (pop, indie)

📅 16 May at 19.00

📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)

🎫 250 UAH

📱 Atlas37

### Nousinthis (indie, ambient)

📅 17 May at 19.00

📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)

🎫 300 UAH

📱 Atlas37

### National Music Award Zolotaya Zhar-Ptitsa (pop)

📅 19 May at 18.00

📍 Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkiivksa 103)

🎫 349 UAH

📱 palace-ukraine.com

### Gregory Boyd (US, jazz, blues)

📅 20 May at 20.00

📍 Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)

🎫 200 UAH

📱 etagecafekyiv

### Shortparis (RU, alternative, pop)

📅 25 May at 19.00

📍 Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska 31)

🎫 200 UAH

📱 closerkiev

### Metal Madness Festival (metal)

📅 26 May at 17.00

📍 MonteRay Live Stage (Prorizna, 8)

🎫 200 UAH

📱 monteray.kiev.ua

### Sound Of Boney M feat Sheyla Bonnick (DE, retro)

📅 31 May at 18.00

📍 Green Theatre (Parkova doroha 2)

🎫 500 UAH

📱 greentheatre.com.ua

### Deep Purple (GB, rock)

📅 6 June at 20.00

📍 Palace of Sports (Sportyvna Sq 1)

🎫 700 UAH

📱 /138819893432069/

### Milky Chance

(DE, indie, alternative, folk)

📅 7 June at 20.00

📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)

🎫 890 UAH

📱 Atlas37



## REINCARNATION OF THE CLASSICS

### 2Cellos (HR, pop, instrumental)

📅 27 May at 19.00

📍 Palace of Ukraine (V Vasylkiivksa 103)

This Slovenian-Croatian duo of cellists became famous for their instrumental covers of popular rock and pop songs. The virtuosos have reinterpreted the music of Michael Jackson, U2, Guns N' Roses, Sting, Coldplay, Nirvana, and many others. Their YouTube channel has more than 3 million subscribers, and the videos have attracted tens of millions of views. Their academic musical education allows these artists to perform classical music and music from film scores. Having attracted fame worldwide, they went on tour with Elton John, and soon the duo will perform in Kyiv for the first time.

🎫 590 UAH

📱 palace-ukraine.com

### Scarlxrd (GB, hip-hop)

📅 9 June at 20.00

📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)

🎫 790 UAH

📱 Atlas37

### Druha Rika (rock)

📅 14 June at 20.00

📍 Green Theatre (Parkova Doroha 2)

🎫 290 UAH

📱 greentheatre.com.ua

### Black Rebel Motorcycle Club (US, garage rock, alternative)

📅 15 June at 20.00

📍 Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)

🎫 1148 UAH

📱 etagecafekyiv

## SEXUAL PORRIDGE

### GusGus (IS, electronic, synth-pop)

📅 19 May at 20.00

📍 Stereo Plaza (Lobanovskoho 119)

The rocking and sometimes uneven beat, the synth echo in combination with the silky voice of Daniel Ágúst, make the band truly unique. Their music is like audio hypnosis, achieved by experiments with a palette of genres like trip-hop, trance, and house. The band from Reykjavik has collaborated with such great artists as Björk, Depeche Mode, and Ian Brown. In February, GusGus released its 10<sup>th</sup> album *Lies Are More Flexible*, hits from which will be performed at their concert here in Kyiv.

🎫 350-2 600 UAH

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# What's Ahead



## INTERACTIVE PLAYGROUND

### Exhibition of art works

📅 18 October – 16 December

📍 IZONE (Naberezhno-Luhova 8)

WRO Art Center based in Poland has created an unprecedented project that unites contemporary art, computer technologies, and the interactive approach. The exhibition has been touring three continents so far and this autumn, it's time for Ukraine to experience it. The name of the project suggests visitors can interact with all art works, while a separate part of the project – Chillout Cinema features a selection of Polish animated movies from the 1960s-70s.

🆓 Free

🌐 [www.izone.ua](http://www.izone.ua)



## THE BEAT SHAMAN

### Zedd (DE, electronic, pop)

📅 19 July at 21.00

📍 Stereo Plaza (Lobanovskoho 119)

One of the highest paid DJs in the world according to *Forbes*, Grammy-award winner, and seventh in the list of best electronic musicians for 2018 by *Billboard*, ZEDD will perform in Ukraine this summer for the first time ever. His work tightropes between progressive house and pop, which gets fans out and eager to get on the dancefloor. It's also an interesting genre for titans of the electronic scene Armin van Buuren and Tiesto who have been known to sample his tracks. Put simply, to skip out on this visit to Kyiv would be...unacceptable.

🎫 649 UAH

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



## FRIENDLY FAMILY FEST

📅 7 July

📍 Street festival (Turgenyevska 69)

It's the International Day of Family on 7 July so why not celebrate by taking your family and friends out for a little fun at an open-air street festival? Inspiration for the event comes with the idea that we need to be inclusive and accepting of children with special needs. Activities and a safe playing space for will be provided for kids of all ages, shapes, and sizes – even the big ones!

🆓 Free

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



## WHAT COLOUR IS YOUR SOUL?

### Rooftop Live with Adam Naas (FR, dark soul)

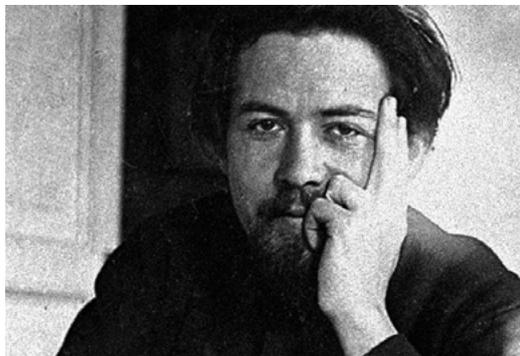
📅 30 June at 19.00

📍 Beletage (Borysa Hrinchenko 7)

This French artist has long since gained a following in his French homeland, and is branching out to lands outside of the usual western European circuit. Here in Kyiv for the first time, if you don't recognise his name, you'll certainly know his songs *Fading Away* and *Please Come Back to Me*. Skillfully combining colourful melodies with soft but sturdy vocals, hits from his yet-to-be-released full album will be on the line-up this evening. Make sure you put in on your calendar.

🎫 400 UAH

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## THEATRE FOR ADULTS

### Lovers (UA, play)

📅 21 June at 19.00

📍 House of Artists (Sichovykh Striltsiv 1-5)

Is it pure madness, sheer recklessness, or love at first sight? A contemporary interpretation of Chekhov's classical narrations, *Lovers* boldly and sincerely tells a story about a mind-blowing, long-lasting, and overwhelming passion that hits the deepest chords. Unlike ladies and gentlemen from the old playwright's time, the play's characters are ready to risk everything to go after their dream and save their romance against all rules and common sense. Want to shake up your daily routine? Soak in the atmosphere of this soul-moving drama staged by Kharkiv Theatre for Adults.

🎫 100 – 300 UAH

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



## SABOTAGE

### Son Lux

### (US, post-rock, indie, electronica)

📅 3 October at 20.00

📍 Bel'Etage (Shota Rustaveli 16a)

Initially, this project enjoyed popularity as the solo gig of American composer and musician Ryan Lott. But seven years on, one has turned into three, creating a variety of musical concepts, extending from light, glossy, and unobtrusive to a bit pushy, strident, with drops of narrative. In certain places, their music can be eerie, and yet the brittle but brilliant voice of Lott smooths out the rough, proving a cornerstone to the group's rhythmic variability. At the beginning of the year, the band released their emotional album *Brighter Wounds*. Grab a ticket and catch them this autumn.

🎫 499 UAH

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# What's On Means Business



Lana Nicole Niland

AS THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST AGRO-EXPORTER, WITH THE POSSIBILITY TO MORE THAN DOUBLE OUTPUT, UKRAINE HAS HUGE POTENTIAL. JOHN SHMORHUN, A FARMBYOTURNED NAVY PILOT TURNED BUSINESSMAN, HAS BEEN WORKING AT ENSURING THAT POTENTIAL IS REACHED FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS



## Sowing Seeds in Ukraine

John Shmorhun is no stranger to this part of the world: he's been floating between Russia and Ukraine since 1990. Starting first in Moscow in sales for Dupont, he says it was a fascinating time. "We moved there the week of the putsch. We arrived to burned out tanks and snipers on the roofs; it was a real eyeopener."

### SETTING UP IN THE EAST

Moscow was changing fast in those days, says Shmorhun. Though there was scarcity – almost everything needed had to be ordered in by catalogue from Finland, there were so many changes. "All of the major corporations were coming in; you could finally go to people's houses and people could talk. We were there too for the opening of the first McDonald's!" he recalls laughing.

Following Perestroika, Shmorhun and family moved to Ukraine to set up shop here. If Moscow was slightly advanced, Kyiv was nowhere near being as progressive, he says. "It was so grey. And yet, there was a new breath, people had had enough, they wanted change, they wanted a future for themselves and their children, and you could see that."

It was the height of the 90s and the company was selling like "gangbusters". Shmorhun's wife Patricia too was busy with opening the country's first private dental clinic, Porcelain, and both were on a working committee to set up the city's

second international school, Pechersk International.

In 1998, Shmorhun got a call to work on the company's ERP (enterprise resource planning) systems in the US, but would find himself back in these parts just two years later as director of the region, this time in agriculture. It was an exciting time, Shmorhun recalls. In 2008, family matters would take him to Geneva and

*"The most important part of this business is the people"*

see him leave Dupont just a few months following. He wasn't a free agent long however, taking up a job with investment company SigmaBleyzer and setting up their agroholding Harmelia not long after.

### AGRICULTURE AND REVOLUTION

The agriculture industry is not an easy one. So many factors need to come together to ensure a successful year. Here in Ukraine, that reality is no different, despite the abundance of chernozem, or fertile black soil. "I had dreamed about

agriculture in Ukraine because I saw a lot of synergies in my own life, not to mention the huge potential in this sphere."

The company ended up taking on French AgroGeneration in 2013, which is where Shmorhun can be found these days in the CEO's chair. "Though you could see the fomenting, even when Ukraine became independent, no one expected a revolution," he says, referring to EuroMaidan, Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity in 2013-2014. "Ukrainians are very patient – but to a point. It is not the same in Russia – where it's much more of a collective. People here are willing to come together for a common cause, but it has to be common." While it's been a tough go these last four years business-wise, things are looking up. "Agriculture in Ukraine is unique because of size. The soil is also very important. We have this very heavy mineral-rich soil, which creates a great environment for growing."

Though AgroGeneration isn't the biggest farm holding in Ukraine, it's not small either at 120 000 hectares, and Shmorhun says there are plans to grow. He knows however that this is a very complicated science and business: "You depend on part of it from God. But financing, banks, and legal issues all have a part to play. There are so many factors you can't control, so you want to have stability," which is something this country certainly hasn't been known for in the last few years. Despite this, the company employs more than 1 500 people who work hard and accomplish a lot under all the circumstances, he says. "The most important part of this business is the people. They have a culture to land," which is no small factor in the country's success locally and internationally.

# Getting Hitched in Ukraine

## *All you need to know*



Foreign citizens have the same equal rights and obligations when it comes to marriage and family as citizens of Ukraine. The only vital requirement foreigners must be in legal compliance with for a marriage registration to take place is their stay in Ukraine, whereby he/she does not violate the 90/180-day rule as of the day of marriage registration. It is also necessary to comply with the typical conditions for a marriage in Ukraine, which include that both the bride and groom are of the age of consent (18-years old) and not currently married to anyone else.

### DOCUMENTATION

Expats aiming to register their marriage in Ukraine must provide the Registrar (“RATS”– the department of the Ministry of Justice or other certified state institutions) with the following documents:

1. Passport – complete with border guard stamps confirming the legality of stay in Ukraine
2. A document confirming the termination of a previous marriage of the foreign cit-

izen (where applicable). Such documents must be issued by the authorised body and appropriately legalised with translation into Ukrainian language.

This second document is rarely required in practice, as authorities don’t typically have access to the previous marital statuses of foreign citizens. It should be noted however that Ukrainian authorities can request this information from the home country of the foreigner.

### STEPS FOR MARRIAGE REGISTRATION

Found a suitable partner? The procedure for foreigners and Ukrainians to officially unite in Ukraine is as follows:

1. File an application with the Registrar’s office
2. The date to register the marriage is appointed on the grounds of agreement between the applicants. In general, the registration occurs one month following application.
3. A marriage is registered in the presence of both applicants.

### IT’S URGENT!

If you just can’t wait a month, the “Married within a Day” option has been possible since 2016 and is available in several cities in Ukraine. The price for this quickie service is from 3 500 UAH (if during the week) to 8 000 UAH (on weekends and holidays). In practice, the period of registration between a Ukrainian and foreigner takes up to seven days, the timing of which is dictated by the State Migration Service regarding the legal stay of foreign citizens on the territory of Ukraine.

### RESIDENCE PERMIT

Lucky for the foreigner, marriage with a citizen of Ukraine serves as sufficient grounds for the procurement of a temporary residence permit in Ukraine. After two years, and you’re still married, the lucky foreigner can apply for permanent residence!



## AmChams in Europe Annual Conference 2018: Delivering the Voice of Business in Washington, D.C.

B2U – promoting Ukraine internationally as an attractive investment destination along with spreading the good news about Ukraine on the other side of the Atlantic – is one of the pillars of the great mission set forth by the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine. In April 2018, AmCham delegates from 27 countries across Europe participated in an annual conference in Washington, D.C.. AmCham Ukraine President Andy Hunder and Vice President Tetyana Prokopchuk delivered the voice of members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine at briefings with the biggest business-association in the world – the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, as well as at congressional



briefings on Capitol Hill, and a number of bilateral meetings.

AmCham Ukraine in partnership with Baker McKenzie held an exclusive event in the heart of D.C. entitled Ukraine’s Business Outlook: A Diamond in the Rough. The international business community along with members and partners of AmCham Ukraine gathered in the office of Baker McKenzie with a great

view of the White House to get insights on where Ukraine stands in 2018. President Hunder presented an overview on current challenges and opportunities of doing business in Ukraine, its investment potential, and business climate.



# What's On Around the Country

Anna Azarova



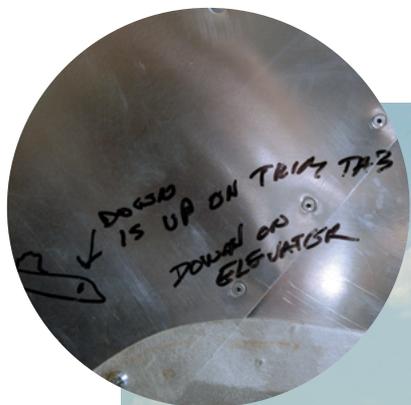
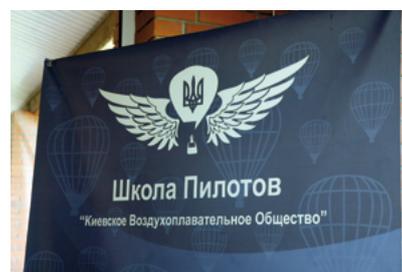
## The Flying Gene

IF YOU DREAM OF FLYING HIGH INTO THE CLOUDS AND SOARING WITH THE BIRDS WAIT NO LONGER. JUST OUTSIDE OF KYIV THERE'S A PLACE YOU CAN DO EXACTLY THAT.

If you jump in a car and drive nearly 60 km west of Kyiv, you'll reach the Aeroprakt airfield, near the village of Nalyvaikivka. With clear skies and golden sunrises in our midst, we were cleared for take-off and airborne in six seconds flat.

### THOSE WITH WINGS

Aeroprakt operates as both an aircraft manufacturer and aeroclub with its history dating back to the Soviet era. The aerodrome itself is clean with well-kept grounds and trimmed grass lawns. A couple of ultralight aircraft fly above our heads with numerous more parked in a hangar and on runways dotted around the territory. Yuriy Yakovlyev, a pilot, aircraft designer, and Aeroprakt's founder and visionary cordially greets us, ready to talk about his past, his present, and love for flying. In his 50s, he exudes youthful energy and impresses as a happy individual who seems to have achieved everything he might have wanted in life, but he still has big plans for future.



### ANTONOV TRADITIONS, US BREAKTHROUGHS

“Our professional background takes its origins from Kyiv’s legendary Antonov Design Bureau where I worked as a design engineer from 1985 through to 1995, after graduating from Kuybyshev Aviation Institute [now Samara State Aerospace University in Russia]”, Yakovlyev says. “I contributed to developing the Antonov An-38 and An-70 models.”

In 1985, together with a couple of other friends equally fond of flying, he founded the Kyiv-based Aeroprakt. It acquired its name from a similar amateur aircraft design club in Samara where Yakovlyev constructed his Quickie-inspired plane.



## AEROPRAKT IN FACTS AND FIGURES

- Number of aircraft constructed (*approximately*) 1 050
- Number of countries distributed to 40\*
- Price EUR (*basic configuration*) 50 000
- Number of employees 65
- Manpower effort (*hours per plane*) 800
- Flight altitude up to 6 000 m
- Range 900-1 000 km
- Cruise speed 160 km/h

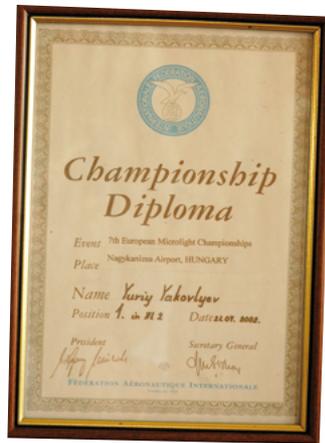
\* including within Europe, Asia, Africa, North and Central America

“The original Quickie was initially designed by American aerospace engineer Burt Rutan – ‘a god’ of homebuilt unusual-looking airplanes,” Yakovlyev explains. Rutan is renowned for designing Voyager, the same aircraft that completed the first nonstop, non-refuelled flight around the world in 1986. The world’s first private spacecraft SpaceShipOne is also his brainchild. “I was so excited to meet Burt Rutan in person at the 2011 AirVenture air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The most amazing thing was that he had heard about my Quickie version I’d had transported from Samara three years prior,” Yakovlyev says, shining with pride as he demonstrates the extraordinary plane.

## MY LOG BOOK

Nadiya Bray, a highly professional pilot, leads me to the red-coloured A-22 trainer. “Feet first”, she says as I slip in the left hand seat. She takes her seat next to me. We put on headphones complete with a mic. A short taxi, a short runway, and we take off.

The aircraft is called ‘transparent’ for a good reason – the cockpit view is gorgeous, as a highway, cottages, and streams rush along beneath. We sort of sail with a wide blue sky above. The plane goes into a small dive and then goes up and around like a roller coaster: those moments of free fall create a pleasant jolt in the gut, like being cushioned by the air. I can’t help shouting for joy. Nadiya calls me a thrill-seeker and I take it as a compliment. When we land, I have only one complaint: it is fantastic yet not enough. Perhaps, next time I should visit the club as student rather than just a passenger.



## BUSINESS WISE

In 1991, the company began its commercial activity with a focus on international markets. “In 1993, we sold our first aircraft to Hungary and received an order to repair a glider airframe built in Romania,” Yakovlyev recalls about the turbulent yet eventful 90s. “Until 1995, we would annually sell one or two planes to Czech Republic, Germany, Russia, the UAE or Ukraine.”

Then things took a turn for the better for him and his partner Oleh Litovchenko. “Our A-20 two-seat primary trainer attracted attention of Sheikh Hussein Al Moalla, a close relative to the Sovereign of Umm al-Quwain in the UAE and ‘father of private aviation’ in his country,” Yakovlyev says. Consequently, the Sheikh became a third partner and investor.

## LEADERS AND CHAMPIONS

So far, the company has designed a variety of aircraft, modifying them for different purposes: aerial photography, tourism, agriculture, and hobby. Their bestseller is the A-22, a classic ultralight with a tractor propeller that offers easy handling, car-like comfort, and a panoramic cockpit view. “Aeroprakt is third in the world for producing high-quality ultralight aircraft for training and leisure,” Yakovlyev beams.

The company’s clients include flight schools, business owners, and even King Hussein of Jordan. Respected by ultralight pilots worldwide, Aeroprakt air-



*“Aeroprakt is third in the world for producing high-quality ultralight aircraft for training and leisure”*

planes are prize-winners at multiple international competitions; the certificates, photos, and diplomas from which adorn many of the walls on the premises.

## SOFT LANDING

As a club, Aeroprakt is open all year long, visibility and weather permitting. “There are 17 aircraft available at the airfield now, seven of them are ours,” Yakovlyev says, taking us on a tour of the hangar.

As a test range for Aeroprakt aircraft, the club is also a place pilots can brush up on their skills and enjoy leisure flights. Instructors say anyone who feels like it can learn to fly a plane, which will take a minimum of 40 hours. It’s not cheap, but definitely more affordable than in some other countries with plane rental costing just 2 000 UAH per hour.





There's surely no better reason to roll-out this semi-regular feature dedicated to one of the finer things in life than a beer festival. While we usually showcase smaller craft beer type establishments (we'll make special mention of one later), this is too good an opportunity to miss.

Brought to you by the team behind the regular Ulichnaya Eda food festivals, the Kyiv Beer Festival is less about sampling cuisine. Instead, it is this much-loved amber liquid that takes top billing here. However, the event, to be held from 19 to 20 May, claims to have a significant point-of-difference to other beer festivals held in Ukraine. It does not focus on mass market brands – the emerging craft beer market is at the fore.

The organisers have a focus. In a country where craft beer has only won 1% of the market thus far, numbers in Ukraine are slowly, but surely, increasing as beer drinkers discover there are finely-crafted brews that are not mass-produced and are unlikely to be found in 2-litre plastic bottles.

Now in its second year, another goal of the festival is to introduce consumers to these specific brewers and suppliers, many of whom will be part of the festival and who lovingly brew or market craft brews from Ukraine and farther afield. Aside from the sampling, brewers will be on hand to talk about the features of their product, and to mentor newbies in how to open and promote their own business.

While we have profiled some participants in the past, one that is likely to be a part of the action is Syndicate – Craft Beer n' Fire Grill. Like Varvar Bar (which featured on these pages in February) and Lisopylka, Syndicate is part of the family of craft bars from the Varvar Brewery family, created by Vasily Mikulin. Mikulin, a successful businessman who founded the Donetsk-based Yuzovskaya Brewery, relocated and rebuilt his business from scratch following the occupation of his region by Russian forces.

Located in the Perchersk district, this American-style bar is typical of Mikulin's style, paired-back, intimate, and, in this case, just rough-enough around the edges to give that typical small-town US feel. Of course, the full range of exotically-named Varvar beers are available and if your craft-beer drinking skills are a little rusty, it is the perfect place to get in a little practice before the big event.

## Kyiv Beer Festival Vol. 2

📅 19 – 20 May at 11.00 – 23.00

📍 Art Platforma (Belomorska 1)

🍷 150 UAH (with a glass for tasting)

🍷 100 UAH (without the glass)

📱 events/1802722669746082/

## Syndicate Craft Bar n' Fire Grill

📍 Surorova 4/6

📅 Sunday-Wednesday 12.00 – 00.00,

📅 Thursday-Saturday 12.00 – 02.00

☎ +380 50 307 5793

📱 syndicate.tf

## The Underestimated City of Lutsk

When people heard I was going to live in Lutsk for two months, they warned me there would be nothing to do. I gladly accepted that as a challenge. I often cheer for the underdog, my home city in Canada is a good case in point. Winnipeg has not only one but two professional underdog sports teams – the Winnipeg Jets and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

I moved to Lutsk in March, welcomed by -20 C temperatures, but that didn't stop me from exploring. There aren't many English internet search results about Lutsk, but a self-guided walking tour came up, and my friends and I followed it.

The tour took us to the home of sculptor Mykola Golovan. It's extravagant, decorated with hundreds of sculptures, some with stories to tell. Someone told me a local legend that if you whisper a wish into the ear of a lion sculpture, the wish will come true. This odd though spectacular home was a good representative for the tone of the city – quirky, a little rough around the edges, but definitely a sight to see.

Near the city centre is Lubart's Castle, dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It's interesting to walk through, but the real fun lies in the market next to the castle. You can buy everything you need, and everything you don't – shoes, clothes, food, souvenirs, live chickens, auto parts... I heard talk about moving the market and putting something more aesthetically pleasing there. As a tourist and part-time local, the market's location didn't bother me. It didn't take away from my castle experience, plus the market is convenient since it's near downtown.

At markets (another good one is near PortCity mall), at stores, and on the streets, people in Lutsk were extremely kind. I said something similar about Chernivtsi, but the people's charisma in Lutsk stood out. When saying goodbye, people wished you happiness and good luck, or other times they'd wish for you to have a good mood. Though people do this in other cities, the frequency was noticeably higher in Lutsk.

My Lutsk friends would call me and my friends on days we wouldn't all see each other, making sure all was okay and asking if we needed help. Maybe it was partly because we were guests in their city, but nonetheless, their concern for us was genuine.

Lutsk isn't on everyone's Ukraine travel list, but it's near a major tourist spot, Lviv, so why not check it out? Maybe you'll catch one of the many concerts. DakhaBrakha and Joryj Kloc played while I was there, and DziDzio performs in June. Plus, the Volyn National Choir and Ensemble often has performances, and they are one of the strongest song and dance ensembles in the country. (And I'm not just saying that because I trained there for two months.)

There are things Lutsk can improve on, like littered streets and derelict buildings, but if we stop disregarding Lutsk as a place to visit, it can continue to evolve into its quirky, happy, and entertaining self.

Kaitlin Vitt

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Click the link to read about thoughts on Chernivtsi

# At the Top of the Iron Lady

Artem Nikitin

Kyiv has been under the watchful gaze of the Motherland statue for 37 years. Want to view Kyiv through her eyes? On 9 April, the observation deck dubbed Extreme opened on the Motherland Monument, aka Batkivschyna Maty. This monumental statue looks out over the capital from the territory of the National Museum of History of Ukraine in the Second World War. She holds a sword in her right hand, while in her left she holds a shield; craftily concealed in the back of which there is a viewing platform. At a height of 91 metres above ground, whereas Motherland, together with her pedestal, rises to 102 m in total. It is noteworthy this symbol of victory and human will, which was built along with the museum in 1981, would tower over the Statue of Liberty (93 m).

A word for the impatient: it is not easy to get up to the observation deck. There is often a queue and it's a 50 minutes climb up to the deck, a maximum of two people at a time, which significantly complicates things. Weather conditions must also be

good, with the deck closed in high winds. Those willing to wait and scale up the inside of the statue, however, will be rewarded with spectacular views – even after a four-hour wait.

The climb begins at the spacious hall of fame in the museum. From there you pass through an unremarkable narrow door and enter directly into the core of the statue, which is filled with steep iron stairs that look industrial. Then you enter a lift, inclined at 75 degrees. This elevates visitors to a room where an instructor drills you on the safety procedures, puts you into a belay belt, and asks you to sign the safety agreement. Then again it's a lift, this time it's vertical but it is an incredibly tight squeeze, which raises you to the level of the chest of the statue. The most interesting thing comes next. The tube inside the arm of the statue, in which, after securing the safety harness, you need to climb to the viewing platform, is tilted by 80 degrees. The shaft gradually becomes vertical and leads to the top.

It's a little scary to stand on the platform: the floor is an open metal grill, and you can see how high you are under your feet. However, you soon get used to it.



The view from the shield is absolutely stunning. From here you can enjoy a breathtaking panorama of the right side of Kyiv, where it is possible to catch sight of the high bell tower of Pechersk Lavra, Mystetskyi Arsenal, and Druzhby Narodiv Boulevard. In the distance, standing like a match, you can see the Kyiv TV Tower and the skyscraper at Klovskiy Descent 7, which is considered the tallest building in Ukraine (163 m). In addition, the expansive territory of the Hryshko National Botanical Garden spreads out before you from a bird's eye vantage point. Not far from this swathe of green, you can see Darnytskyi and Pivdennyi bridges, which span the wide Dnipro River. In summary, the fantastic view of the capital is something that will stick in your memory for a long time. While you can stay no more than 15 minutes on the platform at a cost of 300 UAH, if you ask the question, "Is it worth it?" The answer is a resounding "yes".

# Models Change

Anna Azarova

Ukrainian talents continue to collect accolades worldwide. In April, Kharkiv-born illustrator Stanislav Senchuk showcased his own vision of a headline-making cover from a British Vogue issue. His sketch *Models Change* attracted the attention of the glossy magazine's editor-in-chief Edward Enninful OBE. Consequently, British Vogue published Senchuk's stylised image on its Instagram page as a 'creative reinterpretation' of the cover that made history by featuring nine trailblazing models coming from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, religions, and classes. "The idea appealed to me," explains Senchuk. "For the first time ever, (ed – in British Vogue's 102-year history) a hijab-wearing model and girls of different races graced the reputable magazine's cover."



you are black, white, poor, rich, or whatever."

Not a professional artist, Senchuk is happy that the international community noticed his efforts – and not for the first time. Six months ago, his graphic design of British Vogue's December issue also caused a stir on the high-profile edition's Instagram account. In addition, he produced a series of Versace, Marc Jacobs, Moschino, and Valentino illustrations that obtained encouraging feedback from these brands. "Drawing is my hobby, which is gradually transforming into my career", says Senchuk, now a third-year law student.

His ironic images boast a definitive style inspired by the fashion industry and the work of American film director, producer, artist, writer, and animator Tim Burton. "I want to turn my hobby into income to fully dedicate myself to this job," Senchuk says, sharing his plans for the future. "I am also interested in animation."



## No Football Talk

Sergiy Velichanskyi

So, you've come to Kyiv to watch the football. You may notice also that Kyiv boasts some of the most attractive women in the world. Want to connect? Don't talk about football.

Yes, I know. It's the Champions League – one of the greatest games of the year. What else would you talk about at such a significant time...? Without wanting to come off as sexist, there are few women out there however who will find talk about Ronaldo's back heel as interesting as his back side, believe it or not. In the case you do find yourself on the company of a beautiful woman while you're here, and you're at a loss for words, let me help. Here's a few tips to stay afloat.

First and foremost – be interesting! Choose a topic, any topic: cinema, travel, adventure. Whatever you talk about, girls like to be entertained. They want you to allure them into a subject, and humour helps immensely.

Secondly – be attentive! While point one stands, the ladies also want to be an active participant in the conversation, so let them share their experiences and opinions and try not to dominate!

Hugely important here guys – are you listening? Never, and I mean never, talk about your ex. All attempts to try to impress her with your previous successes will lead to a dead end.

Less widely-known but just as important, try to stay away from topics that deal with the economy, politics, race, etc, at least on the first date. She doesn't want to know why your perfect business plan failed or how BREXIT actually won (well, on this one she might actually be curious – I know I am). She wants to spend time with someone who is interested in interesting things, someone motivated and purpose-driven.

Generally speaking, and I've had some practice here, it's not what you talk about, but how. If you can prove to her that you're actually interested in what she has to say, she may not only let you watch the final on TV (for those of you poor buggers who didn't get tickets), but will want to watch it with you.

PS – try not to get frustrated when she asks about the colour schemes of their kits.

## Art from Technology?

Blockchain, a continuously growing list of records, has turned the techno-world on its head. And not only. The art world seems just as captivated by these linked blocks, especially in Ukraine.

The first ever Blockchain Art Hackathon happened here in Kyiv back in October 2017, with a second planned for this autumn. First, however, Blockchain Lab founder Stanislav Podyachev and Blockchain Art U2Europe director Uliana Pereskotska, will take this fresh new project out for a spin; they're headed for a number of European capitals to see what mileage their new brainchild gets.

The idea is to have presentations by Ukrainian Blockchain companies and startups, exhibitions of pieces that feature Blockchain "inside", and local artists who will continue, or "fork", works already started by those in Ukraine. "Art Fork is a unique cultural art action that will take place in Paris, Prague, and Amsterdam. Local artists will have an opportunity to fork pieces by Ukrainian artists, creating something new in the process," says Pereskotska.

Because science and technology are often constricted by standards and norms, Podyachev is excited about this project as it provides "an opportunity to discover the world by using a different approach. In cooperation with leaders and business-people, we are creating an environment to crash test ideas". Astian Rey is a local artist who took part in the initial Hackathon in 2017, creating a piece that looked at Blockchain from space. "I will admit, I did not fully understand the practical interconnection between the worlds of finance and art," says Rey. He was not averse to discovering the link however and has since come to see Blockchain as a "vector of progress". He continues: "Modern people need live contact with the virtual world as never before – art has become this missing chain of connection."

Stay up-to-date on the project at [fb](#) blockchainart.



## Symbolism Cast in Bronze

Artem Nikitin

Every city has its own symbols characterising them. Kyiv is no exception and has an abundance of features that show off what makes the city unique.

In early 2017, Julia Bevzenko of Секретный дворик (Secret Courtyards) decided to create a project called #Шукай (look for), which would tell visitors and locals alike about the inalienable attributes of the capital. A year later, the first bronze sculpture of Chicken Kyiv appeared: it's a dish known worldwide and a culinary symbol of the city. A QR code on the statuette tells users about the history and meaning of the little icon.

While there have been only four created so far, there will be twelve in total. Among them a chestnut and the Kyiv cake, which is a sweet feature of the city. Another sculpture in the form of Kyiv dry fruit jam was unveiled recently.

Every bronze statuette already has a legend. For example, if you rub a cutlet, then your wishes will come true, and if you stroke the cake, then you will be shapely in figure. Of course, try at your own risk! The next two figurines will be unveiled on the Day of Kyiv (last weekend of May). You'll have to stay tuned to see exactly what they might be...



# Kyiv is Calling: WINNER!



With the 2018 UEFA Champions League here in Kyiv this year, Michael Hudson of Dinternal Education came up with a fabulous competition to get locals out and about, showcasing their favourite parts

of Kyiv to the throngs of tourists headed our way this month. “We got entries from secondary school students, college and university teams, even a combined effort from one student in Kyiv and another one in Dnipro,” he says, never thinking they would get so many high-quality entries. There could be only one big winner however and “the best of the best” was a video by Diana Teliakova and Daryna Yatsenko, first year students at the Kyiv National Linguistic University’s Faculty of Economics and Law.

We caught up with the two busy ladies who say they first heard about the competition from their English teacher. “We decided to feature the places we really like to spend time in; those venues not so popular among tourists. Our favourite place in Kyiv is the Obolon embankment: it is the cosiest place in the city which is beautiful regardless of the time of year.”

Want the scoop on more of the best places to visit while in Kyiv? Make sure to check out their video.

For What’s On readers exclusively, the two city-dwellers have a few tips to share outside of the football arena: “The best way to travel around Kyiv is by metro – it’s fast, cheap, and easy to understand. Be careful with the small currency-exchange outlets when changing money, especially in the centre; they don’t always have the best rates. And finally, remember that Ukrainians are very friendly, so feel free to ask for help!”



Click to watch the winning video



## Time to Cache In

A fun and fantastic new way to explore has recently popped up on our GPS. It’s called geocaching, and though it’s new to us, there are more than 300 fabulous locations in Kyiv alone to cache in. Intrigued?

Playing hide and seek with latitude and longitude coordinates, geocaching gets you using the GPS on your phone or other device(s) to uncover locations of interest. We first got in on the game thanks to Chris Schuepp, a German native who was joining a group of Ukrainians on a geocache meet last month. Often in Kyiv for work, Schuepp first got into geocaching in 2008 as an activity he thought his then 8-year old son might like. It’s one that stuck, and he now boasts at least one geocache in more than 50 countries! His favourite one in Kyiv is the Deviation Tower in Hološivskiy region. This one was tricky he says, because

the tower itself is in the water, and will be a tough one for “muggles” – a name borrowed from Harry Potter, given to those who don’t geocache, says Shuepp.

The first ever geocache was recorded more than 17 years ago in Beaver Creek, Oregon, US. Since May 2000, however, that number has grown to an incredible 3 million in more than 190 countries! Canadian Pete Young, nicknamed the ‘king of geocaching in Kyiv’, has one of the oldest geocaches in the capital at the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, and says “geocaches that take you somewhere interesting and introduce you to things about the area you might not otherwise know are part of what geocaching is about. Tourists visiting Kyiv can learn more about the city and see a lot of interesting spots just by hunting for its geocaches.”

Sergii Sadovik, a local geocacher also known as Tracker, says it was Young’s cache at the museum that was his first, and proved an “exciting treasure hunt”. While the number of geocachers in Ukraine at present numbers only about 200, “the Ukrainian geocaching community actively promotes” the activity across many channels.

### GET IN TOUCH WITH GEOCACHERS IN UKRAINE:

Facebook: [groups/ukrainian.geocachers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ukrainian.geocachers). community



A proper geocaching box with logbook and a travel bug

Want to get in on the game and explore the city in a way that doesn’t break the budget? Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to get started.

### SOME FUN GEOCACHES IN KYIV:

**Deviation Tower** (a difficult one...)

www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6A5G6\_deviation-tower

**Stalin’s Subway** (a bit out of town, but interesting location)

www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6DYGK\_stalins-subway

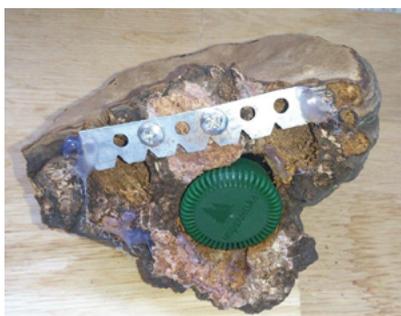
**Raven’s Courtyard** (easy, but in a cool place)

www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6T5AF\_raven-courtyard

**The Botanical Garden** (M.M. Gryshko)

(nice multi-stage geocache in the Botanical Garden)

www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6GXF8\_the-botanical-garden-m-m-gryshko



A cache box hidden inside a mushroom

## Heartwarming Simplicity

Anna Azarova

THE ONCE-HUMBLE DANISH 'BREAD-AND-BUTTER', SMØRREBRØD – SIMPLE OR COMPLEX BUT INVARIABLY MOUTH-WATERING – HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A MASTERPIECE EVEN HIGH PROFILE RESTAURANTS ARE LOOKING TO GLADLY OFFER TO CLIENTELE. NEITHER SANDWICH, NOR BURGER, IT IS RATHER A COMPACT YET TASTY MEAL EATEN WITH A KNIFE AND FORK, AND NEVER OUT OF YOUR HANDS. READY TO GIVE IT A TRY?



Launched a year ago, Smørrebrød Kyiv is a conceptual two-storey venue serving iconic Scandinavian recipes with a modern twist. Nestled between hectic Khreschatyk and quiet Horodetskoho, the restaurant's black façade and sign featuring a deer will definitely catch your eye. Weather permitting; a small summer terrace welcomes you for a drink and chat with friends outdoors.



### CAST OFF LINES

Once inside, it's like we are aboard a ship due to sea-themed accents prevailing in a creative interior that uses natural unpolished materials – wood, stone, iron, and concrete. The cosy though rugged design dexterously combines Nordic and Ukrainian folk elements, including bast mats on the benches, cargo blocks on the ceiling, ash-gray walls inspired by a 'khata-mazanka' (a traditional Ukrainian mud-hut), a rope-knit chandelier resembling a spider web, and bell-shaped pendant lamps. Massive door handles made of melted spoons are relevant to the theme and impressive. A gigantic, aptly tarnished mirror with the restaurant's logo adorns the bar zone on the ground floor.

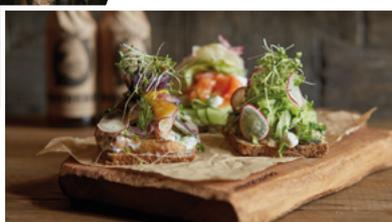
What strikes me most is a large solid stone sink with heavy, rusty taps placed outside the two bathrooms on the top floor. The restrooms – no segregation on board! – are as humorously and smartly decorated with toilet papers stacks – a strategic stockpile for those 'on heavy seas'.

### RITE OF PASSAGE

The menu centres on a variety of smørrebrød numbering up to 20 and boasting multiple ingredients. We select two specialties to tantalise our palates. A visual feast, the first option comes with slices of mildly salted soft matjes herring, well-balanced with neu-

tral boiled potatoes, sour cream, and sweet baked curry apples. A pickled cucumber adds a freshness to this explosion of tastes.

The second version will surely be a favourite for tartare connoisseurs: the finely ground veal crowned with a raw egg yolk has a tender flavour enhanced with salty hike caviar, tarragon, and thin crispy potato chips.



### EDIBLE INVENTORY

Smørrebrød with maatjesharing, potato, half sour pickle, baked curry apple	95 UAH
Smørrebrød with veal tartare, pike caviar, tarragon	185 UAH
Fish soup with salmon, mackerel, vegetables	115 UAH
Fillet mignon, mashed potatoes, green onion, demi-glace sauce	220 UAH
Bloody Mary	120 UAH
Boulevardier in a Barrel	145 UAH
Rye bread brandy	59 UAH
Cherry rum	59 UAH
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>998 UAH</b>

In both cases, components are beautifully arranged on a piece of delicious rye whole-wheat bread tailor-made for Smørrebrød.

### EXPLORING FURTHER

We continue indulging with a bowl of light but nourishing creamy fish soup. Its appetising yellow colour blended with bright greens and wedges of magenta-coloured watermelon radishes makes for an amazing rainbow palette. The salmon balls have a distinct fishy taste with a savoury richness. Chef Denis says they smoke the mackerel for the broth themselves as well as produce spruce oil that imparts a piquant note to the dish.

We still have room for filet mignon cooked to perfection with a succulent juicy medium

rare core. I like the way the accompanying potatoes are cooked – though a sweetish puree, they nevertheless preserve a pleasantly hard texture, garnished with dill and curry. Following the Scandinavian culinary 'farm-to-table' philosophy, Smørrebrød uses only the freshest local products. "As our space is limited, we have a small kitchen, which means we can't and won't store food for days. Every meal is freshly prepared," says Iryna Lebed, the restaurant's owner and inspiration.

### LIQUEURS AND COCKTAILS

Smørrebrød's drinks deserve special mention. You won't find strong spirits here. Instead, you will enjoy an assortment of homemade fruit liqueurs (nalewkas) and exclusive cocktails infused on these liqueurs and pre-mixed in a stand-alone lab. We watch the server as he brings a Bloody Mary in a custom-made can and pours out the contents in a handmade glass. The cocktail has an unusual aroma of dill vodka with spicy notes, lemon freshness, and a lingering aftertaste. Boulevardier is a sour-sweet original beverage concocted of bourbon, red vermouth, and Campari. Its bouquet always acquires new tones, as the drink is kept in a barrel that is regularly refilled. Another two shots of cherry rum and rye bread brandy – a worthy alternative to dessert – and we call it quits.

### Additional Bonuses

Every dish, drink, and set can be packed in lovely boxes and taken away. In addition, the restaurant provides breakfasts all day long. No reservations are accepted – it's first come first served with Smørrebrød!

### THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

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

### Smørrebrød Kiev

📍 *Arkhitektora Horodetskoho 4*  
 ☎ Sunday – Thursday 08.00 – 23.00  
 ☎ Friday-Saturday 08.00 – 01.00  
 🌐 Smorrebrød.Kiev  
 ☎ +380 44 337 0031

### MAKE SURE YOU TRY

<i>Smørrebrød with guacamole, fried romaine, poached egg</i>	125 UAH
<i>Green beans, sweet chili sauce</i>	95 UAH

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# What's On the Menu

## It's 5 o'clock Somewhere

Alina Smolina

**NEED HELP GETTING YOUR PARTY PANTS ON? THESE TOP SIX VENUES IN THE UKRAINIAN CAPITAL ARE SURE TO WHET YOUR WHISTLE AND GET YOU NICE AND WARMED UP FOR THE EVENING'S MAIN EVENT – WHATEVER AND WHEREVER THAT HAPPENS TO BE**

### **HOROSHO VSEGDA**

📍 *Sichovyh Striltsiv 21*

This cafe-DJ-bar with summer terrace in the centre of Kyiv will get you set to enjoy a good night out. Events here have been known to continue 'til dawn with the best DJs, foreign guests, and famous music labels making an appearance. Best thing about this place are the original cocktails and tinctures, craft beer, food, and hookah.

🕒 daily 11.00 – 05.00

It's party time: Thursday at 19:00-00:00, Friday-Saturday at 23:00 – 05:00

Entrance: 0-150 UAH

Cocktails: 60-180 UAH, homemade shots: 40 UAH, wine: 60-160 UAH, strong alcohol: 80-200 UAH, beer: from 50UAH

English-speaking staff: Yes

Wifi: Yes

📱 horosho.kiev

### **KOSATKA**

📍 *V Zhytomyrska 25/2*

The fashionable youth gather here to get into “tusovka” (party) mood. Delicious food, original cocktails, and an interesting design all add to the atmosphere.

🕒 9.00 – 2.00

It's party time: Friday – Saturday at 20.00

Entrance: Free

Cocktails: 120UAH

English-speaking staff: Yes

Wifi: Yes

📱 kosatkacafe

### **IT'S NOT THE LOUVR**

📍 *Vyacheslava Lybyskoho 4*

This newly-opened venue has already made space for itself on the party scene with its pleasant interior broken up into two halls. The music varies depending on the party, as does the audience, which makes it “suitable for all”.

🕒 12.00 – 2.00

It's party time: Friday – Saturday from 20.00

Entrance: Free

Cocktails: from 100 UAH

English-speaking staff: Yes

Wifi: Yes

📱 NOTtheLOUVR

### **S BAR (SMOKY BAR)**

📍 *Mezhyhirska 12*

You'll keep coming back for the good hookah, friendly staff, and very chill atmosphere. Good-sized tables for larger groups features, however if you want a spot on the summer terrace make sure you call ahead. The music on offer here is often deep house, which brings in a younger crowd who also don't mind the inexpensive menu.

🕒 11.00 until the last guest

It's party time: Friday – Saturday from 22.00

Entrance: Free

Cocktails: 90-150 UAH

English-speaking staff: Yes

Wifi: Yes

📱 Sbarkiev

### **NORMAL**

📍 *Antonovycha 81*

Themed parties feature in this new venue in the centre, which boasts a beautiful modern interior. Having just opened its doors, this fashionable place to get together attracts trendy youth and the well-heeled.

🕒 11.00 – 23.00

It's party time: Friday – Saturday from 20.00

Entrance: Free

Cocktails: 200 UAH

English-speaking staff: Yes

Wifi: Yes

📱 NormalKyiv

### **DOSKA BAR**

📍 *Horyva 25/12*

This is a hangout for boarders specifically, though less specific as to whether that is snow, skate, surf, or wake. As space is limited, parties tend to spill out onto the street, regardless of the music on offer, which is often an eclectic collection of rock, pop, rap, disco, and house.

🕒 from 17:00 until the last guest

It's party time: Friday from 22.00

Entrance: Free

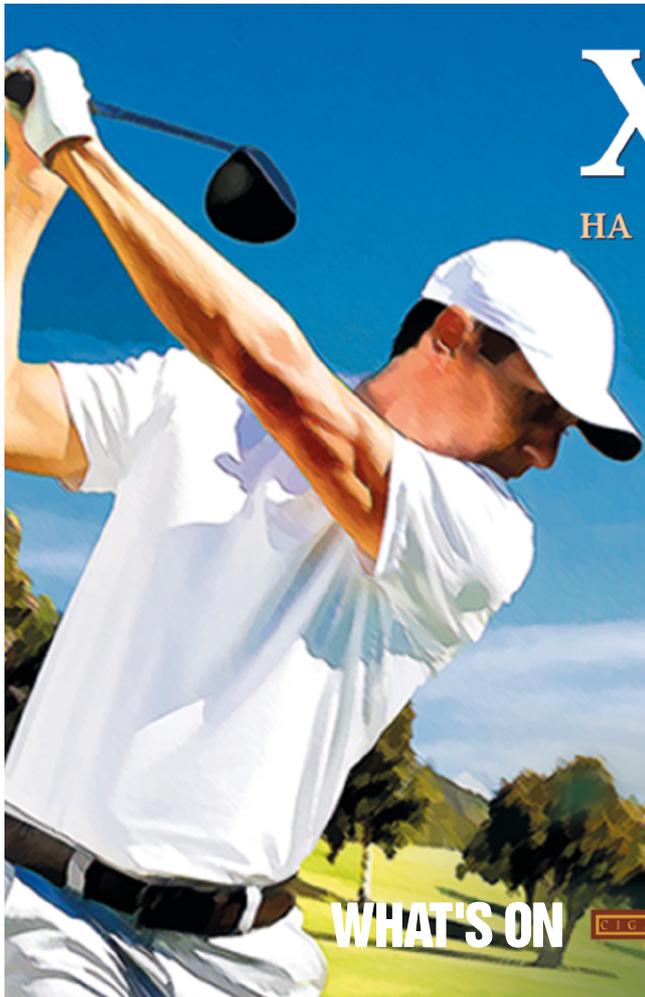
Cocktails: from 50 UAH

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**2 июня 2018**

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**WHAT'S ON**   



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**WHAT'S ON** 

# Whaaaaat?

IT'S A NEW RESTAURANT SERVING UP DUZHE SMACHNO UKRAINIAN FARE, THE NAME OF WHICH IS THE LOCAL VARIANT OF THE TITLE ABOVE – SHO, AND IS QUITE APROPOS

Lana Nicole Niland



## EDIBLE INVENTORY

Rose Cava Brut Juv	
y Campo 1 btl	1 100UAH
Assorted Spreads	240 UAH
Tomato & Brynza Salad	90 UAH
Chicken Kyiv	160 UAH
Holubtsi	90 UAH
Varenyky w/ Potato	90 UAH
Deruni	90 UAH
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 860 UAH</b>

Potato are placed in quick succession on the table. Absolutely everything is delicious, from the creamy butter flowing from the Chicken Kyiv to the rich and creamy tomato sauce of the holubtsi. Even the deruni leave a nice aftertaste especially with the indulgently lush sour cream, which we also lather on little pillows of varenyky.

## FOOD NOT POLITICS

After this foray into Ukr-gastro heaven, Artem takes us around to the various corners of this megalith of a restaurant, which will be able to accommodate up to 420 people once all aspects are operational. There is a pich (Ukrainian oven) in the kitchen upstairs as well as on the main floor, a bar tucked into one corner, and a space for private parties with a private kitchen tucked into another, where master classes among other things will be hosted shortly. As we walk, you can't help but admire the five-metre tall clay chandeliers which hang in leaf-like droplets from the second-floor ceiling, opening up the space in a gallant display of chic simplicity. These and other pieces, like the branches and braids of cotton which float to the floor, are the intellection of Moscow designer Natalia Belonogova. Considering this is an exceptionally UA-centric venue, this comes as a surprise. "We are about the food and the experience, not politics," Artem says confidently. And that is certainly the feeling you get.



This is no small venue; in fact the 1 200m<sup>2</sup> it occupies across two floors is easily spotted from Mechnikova, which is where it sits nestled with floor to ceiling windows, looking out upon Kyivites who hustle and bustle to and fro downtown Kyiv.

## FASHION STATEMENTS

It's a Monday night, and though the doors only opened just a couple of weeks prior, Sho has already attracted quite a clientele. Walking in, the feeling is big, bold, and clean, with sturdy wooden elements – which, I will find out later were brought in from western Ukraine – contrasting the white-as-snow clay work that features on walls and double high ceilings. A hostess in a Vita Kin dress takes me up stairs where I meet a girlfriend sipping coffee and taking in the surroundings. The table is in front of an open kitchen, which runs at least half the length of the venue itself. Though it has the feel of an old Ukrainian khata, the feel is modern and inviting, creating an interesting and relaxed juxtaposition.

Artem is our guide through the Ukrainian

culinary arts this evening, and he is an energetic and engaging chaperon. He is eager to talk about Sho – how the chefs all hail from different corners of the country, that the recipes they use are in some cases more than 100 years old, and the fact that they use as many products from Ukraine as possible. As he talks, kitted out in hemp trousers and a white T, Dakha Brakha beats are just audible in the background, fortifying the feel that this venue is indeed, all about showcasing the best of Ukraine.

## TRADITIONALLY UKRAINIAN

My girlfriend, though married to a Ukrainian and having lived here for years, is not up to speed on traditional Ukrainian fare, so when Artem starts bringing the food, each dish is like a new adventure. The bread basket features different slices from various loaves: black rye, corn, and white, which are used to spread on a nice light forshmak, a rich and creamy traditional egg and cheese combination, and a paté so rich and good it's like crème brûlée. The Tomato & (homemade) Brynza (a traditional Ukrainian cheese) Salad is a nice light follow-up, which is good, because the main dishes are hot on its heels.

We decided to enjoy this evening 'family style', and so one dish each of Chicken Kyiv, Holubtsi, Deruni, and Varenyky with

## MAKE SURE YOU TRY

*There are a number of things Ukrainians are known to do very well. If you can get past the idea that jelly doesn't have to be dessert, then the Holodets here is homemade goodness. The salo too is so light and fluffy, it's like eating clouds.*

## THE WHAT'S ON CHECK LIST

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

## Sho

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**Marianne Holtenstein** (Switzerland)  
 Costume designer –  
**Dmitry Kuryata** (Ukraine)

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 National Drama  
 Theatre

WHAT'S ON

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Switzerland.  
 The stage show  
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# What's In Focus



## FOOTBALL IS IN THE AIR!

The Annual Indoor Football Tournament by the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine has long been a traditional event for member companies, and while everyone in Kyiv is thrilled that the 2018 UEFA Champions League Final is to be hosted later this month at the Olympic Stadium, the ACC tourney on **28-29 April** at the **KPI Sport Complex** brought about great excitement! Sixteen teams competed with persistence and passion in a pursuit to confirm their position as leaders in business as well as on the pitch. Our congrats to this year's winner, Team Lifecell!



Ambassador of Spain Silvia Josefina Cortes Martin



Ivanna Havliuk of Gimlet



## PELICULAS EN ESPANOL

On **26 April**, in the Cultural Centre of **Kiev Kino**, the Spanish community in Kyiv came together to celebrate Cinefiesta – a week of Spanish film. Six films featured over seven days, which then continued for another seven following overwhelming demand by moviegoers. Opening night went off without a hitch, with guests enjoying treats by Gimlet bar. With a cocktail in hand, those so inclined could hobnob with representatives of the Spanish diplomatic corps and the Ambassador of Spain herself, Silvia Josefina Cortes Martin.





KLC Acting President Martin Nunes and his leading lady Elena



Former first lady Kateryna Yushchenko drawing the winning number for the traditional raffle



Nataliya Burlachenko and Ricardo Nunes

### THE LIONS ROAR AGAIN!

Those hard-working folks at the Kyiv Lions Club have been at it again, hosting another fund raising event to bring in money to fund their important work. This latest event was held on **21 April** in the ballroom of the **Hilton Hotel**. The event was a celebration of Ukraine, and so “Kozak Charity Ball” was the name of the evening, with tables each designated names of oblasts around Ukraine, and a Ukrainian fashion show as one of the features of the evening. Most importantly though, \$18,000 was raised to help fund the work of the KLC.



Big-time auction winner Thomas Sillesen of Danish Beer



### FISH NO CHIPS

Britain isn't known internationally as a place of culinary legend, but Terry Pickard likes to challenge perceptions. This meeting of his TUCC at **Va Bene** restaurant on **18 April** aimed to provide connoisseurs with proof positive that gourmet food can be based in British staples. A stilton soup was served, accompanied by an explanation of the history of this English cheese. The star dish at the centre of the meal was planned to be fish and chips with mushy peas. However, chef decided to think of our beach bodies and served the (excellent!) fish with a salad instead. British cuisine reinvented!



Sveta Shulevska, Terry Pickard, and Natasha Khlystun

# What's In Focus



Denislava and Ivo Kyumurdjiev



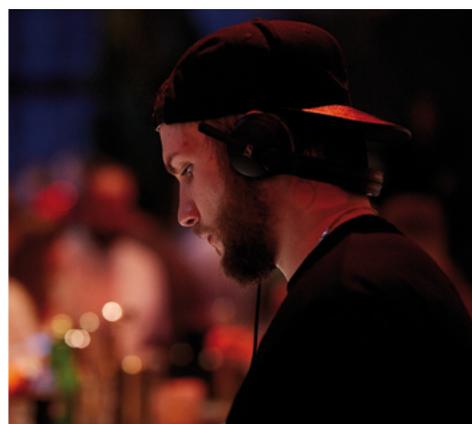
The Big Meet's Olga Popovich and Andrew Chakhoyan of the EBRD



TBM Sam Kearley with Robert Nuey

## MEET BIG

A first look, Kyiv's coolest new Vietnamese restaurant – **NĂM** is a feast for the senses. The Big Meet did just that – meet big, last month on **13 April**, where they were treated to all good things by celebrated chef Hector Jimenez-Bravo. You want in on the next big event? Check out their FB page [BigMeetUkraine](#).



Turkish Airlines country manager Dincher Sayici



## TURKISH UKRAINES LINKS CELEBRATED

On **25 April**, Turkish Airlines celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of linking Ukraine to the world via Turkey. To mark the occasion, the airline hosted 300 guests at the Parkovy Complex overlooking the Dnipro River. Guests were treated to delicious Turkish treats and a sumptuous dinner, while being entertained by singer Zlata Ognevich. The event was attended by many of the airline's top customers, as well as representatives of the business and diplomatic communities in Ukraine, with the airline announcing a special 25% discount on tickets to 25 of their top destinations!



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Prizes change regularly – announcements for which will be made across all of our social media channels, with multiple possible winners each month!! So what are you waiting for Kyiv – get snapping! First winner will be announced in the next issue!

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# 2<sup>nd</sup>



## OUR MAY WINNER

**Kateryna Ivchenko** was one of our favourite posts in our first run at the What's On All Over Kyiv competition, and is also our winner this month! Congrats!

Want to be our next winner? Get snapping with WO and post with tag #WhatsOnAllOverKyiv – it's that easy!

**\* Rules:** Photos to appear in print must be a high res file, so make sure you set all smart phone settings to highest possible quality. If others are in the photo with you, it's your responsibility to make sure they're cool with you submitting the image. i.e. that drunken selfie at a party not always the best choice. Submit entries by email to [Editor@Whaton-Kyiv.com](mailto:Editor@Whaton-Kyiv.com) or on our social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram – just use the hashtag #WhatsOnAllOverKyiv. What's On staff choose winners, the final say of which is entirely at our discretion, with no favouritism given to friends or family.



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