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'Tis the Season of Loss, Light, and Hope

Kyiv's best local tracks are all ready for your next cross-country adventure

One of Ukraine's best-loved holidays – Malanka will keep you entertained this New Year

Don't worry if you overindulge this season – local sanatoriums will help revive and restore



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A soldier's return

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At the train station

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"Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! And grab a moment to check our ultimate guide through the cross-country skiing scene in Kyiv!"

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

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

OUTPOST
PUBLISHING

From the Editor

Acting Editor
Jared Morgan



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In November 2017 Ukraine’s Verkhovna Rada voted overwhelmingly to add 25 December to the list of the official statutory days off for the first time. It was a move, loaded with symbolism, seen as yet another indication of the determination of this country to consign its darker days as part of the Russkiy Mir (Russian World) behind and assert its’ own, more European identity.

It is a choice Ukrainians made in the bitterly cold and later brutal Revolution of Dignity of 2013-14. Russia wasn’t having a bar of it. In just a couple of months, it will be five years since Russia wrested Crimea (temporarily) from a country unprepared for this show of aggression. Worse came with the invasion of Donbas and the ongoing war in the east is the result.

You may question what this has to do with the holiday season. Last month, the threat to Ukraine posed by Russia ratcheted up a notch taking a little of the edge off the festive season.

At street level in Kyiv, the already prolonged holiday season is now ‘officially’ longer, and the juxtaposition between Western and Orthodox Christmases is beginning to become evident. The magical Ukrainian traditions and rituals of the season have a new addition that will only make it even more magical.

This issue could also be seen as a juxtaposition, as well as all the usual festive fare in these pages we made a decision to “give back”. Part of that is looking to the guys and girls fighting these holidays so you can celebrate them in peace. Another component is a toy drive we have set up for the children of Internally Displaced People. They, like those at the frontlines, will not be celebrating at home. Ponder this. At the five year mark, the war in Eastern Ukraine has already dragged on longer than most conflicts of the past century; WWI, The Korean War, The Gulf War, The Bosnian War, and The Kosovo War. It falls one year shy of the length of WWII. All of these conflicts have been fought with international assistance. Ukraine has had to go it alone. We want to say, especially at this time of year when so many are separated from loved ones, we support you!

That begins with a cover that represents homecoming and reunion – the classic ‘home for the holidays’ theme. It may not look particularly festive but train stations are utilitarian spaces designed for mass transit of people. You don’t deck a train platform with bows of holly!

The message of 25 December is a one Ukrainians and those fighting for this country especially need to believe and hear after five years of defending their homeland from Russian influence. The message is timeless: Peace on Earth and goodwill to all.

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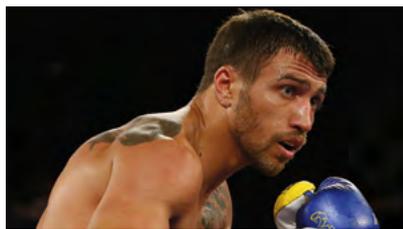
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JANUARY

The biggest news this month is the appearance of Vasiliy Lomachenko, a super featherweight from Odesa who will go on to pound his opponents and make several world records



FEBRUARY

Ukraine contacts Tesla's Elon Musk about getting his roadster in the Arsenalna metro station – the world's deepest station at 105.5 m deep. This is following the Falcon Heavy megarocket, carrying Musk's roadster into orbit



MARCH

Member of Parliament Nadia Savchenko, former Ukrainian pilot imprisoned in Russia for nearly two years on trumped up charges, is arrested in Kyiv for plotting a coup. Ukraine's little darling, not so darling anymore.



APRIL

Russia boosts navy presence in Azov Sea. If hindsight was 20/20...



MAY

Banners with Russia's Gazprom logos dismantled and removed in Kyiv ahead of the UEFA Champions League final. UEFA agrees.

The 12 Months of News



AS THE CLOCK TICKS DOWN AND A NEW YEAR FAST APPROACHES, WE LOOK BACK AT SOME OF THE MOST AMAZING, HEART-WRENCHING, SHOCKING NEWS STORIES THAT HAVE KEPT US AT THE KEYBOARD. MIGHT YOU HAVE GUESSED WE WOULD BE LOOKING BACK AT A YEAR SO FULL? CONSIDERING WHAT THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN PUT THROUGH IN RECENT DAYS AND MONTHS, PERHAPS. BUT THE GOOD IS EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE...



JUNE

Russian-led forces violate ceasefire in Donbass 13 times, in a single day. Mortars and cannons are reported as being fired in Luhansk and Mariupol. Ukraine has been ordered not to return fire so as not to violate Minsk.



JULY

Drug traffickers busted at Boryspil with a batch worth more than \$1 million USD. A 42-year old Turk along with his accomplices are arrested.



AUGUST

The Russian ruble hits a 2-year low in anticipation of further US sanctions. And Ukraine rejoices ever so slightly.



Alexander Petrov

Ruslan Boshirov

SEPTEMBER

Russian special services accused of poisoning former military intelligence officer Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the UK. Vladimir Putin denies involvement, of course.



OCTOBER

Ukraine's own brand of orthodoxy is recognised as separate and independent from Moscow as decreed by Constantino-ple. Russia, is, of course, not enthused.

Kyiv NOT KIEV ✈️

NOVEMBER

Athens International Airport starts spelling Kyiv correctly! Well yeehaw and halleluiah. This following an awareness campaign by the Ministry of foreign affairs that Ukraine's capital should follow the Ukrainian spelling.



DECEMBER

Polls suggest that Poroshenko would lose to a rival in a second-round vote should it come that during elections next year. This comes as no surprise as his popularity has been floundering for months. Though, the situation is not yet clear who would win...

The Kerch Clash

On 25 November, a serious incident occurred in Ukraine's southern seas, in what now appears to be a premeditated move by Russia. Three Ukrainian vessels transiting the Kerch Strait between Russia and Russian occupied Crimea in order to enter the Azov Sea from the Black Sea were rammed and fired upon by the Russian military. This is the first time that Russia has not hid behind implausibly deniable "they're not ours" forces, and attacked Ukraine under the Russian flag. As a result of the unprovoked assault, the three Ukrainian vessels along with



the 24 men who crewed them have been taken hostage. The servicemen have each been put before sham trials and sentenced to a two-month prison sentence for, according to Russia, illegal infraction of the

Russian border. When asked about this situation while at the G20 meeting from which he should have been instantly uninvited, Russia's President Vladimir Putin claimed that the fate of the sailors was a matter for the courts (as if the courts in Russia are some kind of body independent of the Kremlin).

Russia now holds 24 more Ukrainian political prisoners, in addition to the 70 they already have. In addition, the fate of the three vessels is unknown. All that is known is that they have been moved by stealth away from the original berth they first had in Crimea when they were first seized.



Martial Law!

In the wake of the events in the Kerch Strait, President Poroshenko met with his National Security and Defence Committee, who decided that, because of this and other information they had in their possession suggesting a possibly imminent Russian land invasion, Martial Law should be declared.

Originally, Poroshenko wanted the period of Martial Law to be two months and for it to cover the entire country. His proposal was given the thumbs up by his allies on the NSDC, but parliament had other ideas. Once made public, some people smelled a rat, as the two-month period the President was asking for would, maybe conveniently or maybe coincidentally, just reach beyond the threshold for any last remaining candidates to nominate themselves for the upcoming presidential elections. If, for example, a super popular (and popular and populist are not the same thing) candidate had not yet declared, imposing martial law for two months might kneecap their chances of getting on the ballot.

Some political horse-trading then brought the term down from two months to one, and also curtailed the geographical areas in which Martial Law would be applied. Basically, the ten regions of Ukraine that border Russia and the southern seas, as well as the Russian occupied enclave of Transnistria and Belarus (both places where Russia has a lot of troops) are covered by what is essentially a heightened state of readiness. Reports from those areas say not much has changed and citizens go about their daily business without hindrance, but there is a more visible military presence on the streets. Just in case.



Pop Royalty Pops into Kyiv

In another sign of Kyiv's growing influence in global music, pop superstars Miley Cyrus and Mark Ronson were in town last month to shoot the video for their single *Nothing Breaks Like a Heart*. Released on 29 November, the collaboration is expected to be one of the biggest releases of the year and has already reached the Top 10 in the UK. The clip, which shows the flashy songstress strut her stuff while driving along Kyiv's New Darnytskyi Bridge garnered over 15 million views in just its first week online.

The song will make its US network television debut on 15 December when Miley hosts the popular tv show *Saturday Night Live*. The *Wrecking Ball* hitmaker first broke out as Disney's *Hannah Montana* before being named MTV's Artist of the Year in 2013. Ronson is best known for his song *Uptown Funk* featuring Bruno Mars, which was the biggest tune on the planet in 2016.

Kyiv has become a popular place for music videos recently. Earlier this year, American duo Twenty One Pilots filmed part of their *Nico and the Niners* video in the city (34 million views), while Calum Scott's 2017 release *You Are the Reason*, also shot in the city, has attracted an impressive 266 million views.



Any Good News?

On 6 December, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine held their annual General Membership Meeting. There are a couple of traditions for that gathering: as well as enjoying a glass of wine and announcing the election of new or re-election of previous Board members, members present are also asked to respond to some business environment questions in real time where the results of their votes are shown on a big screen. To the question, "has your business witnessed growth in 2018?", fully 74% of those present indicated that they had, indeed, seen better business this year than last. How many countries could make that kind of proclamation, that 74% of their companies had experienced growth in any one year? It's a sign of good things to come.

Recognition, At Last

The US House of Representatives has passed – unanimously, a resolution recognising the 1932-33 Holodomor as genocide. This is an event Russia has continuously, for decades, refuted, regardless of who has been at the helm in Moscow. This most recent resolution passed in the US is a huge step in recognising that "Joseph Stalin and those around him committed genocide against Ukrainians" reads a statement by Ukraine Embassy in the United States earlier this month. One giant step...



Dino Zulumovic



Get Your Ski On

YOUR OWN LOCOMOTION ACROSS SNOW-COVERED TERRAIN. COULD THERE BE A BETTER WAY TO SPEND THE DAY?

Winter in Kyiv can be a difficult time. Cold weather, minimal sunlight, shorter days... So many reasons to feel the winter blues. The most common way to beat them is a change of scenery. An escape to warmer climes might be the first thing that springs to mind, but we have another suggestion: give cross-country skiing a try. It is fun, healthy, and it definitely won't hurt your budget. With skis on, we assure you Kyiv will help you learn to like winter.

POPULAR PASTIME

Cross-country skiing is on the rise globally in wintery urban areas, becoming a way to enjoy outdoor activity during the colder seasons. In Ukraine, it still basks in the glow of nostalgia. Once, the only way to glide through the snow, cross-country skiing now stands in the shadow of its popular cousin, alpine skiing. For those of us in Kyiv, if we look at the pros and cons, the Carpathian mountains are far away, the few ski slopes that are there are always overcrowded and Kyiv – with its numerous parks, forest territories in the surrounding countryside, and predominantly natural flat surfaces – is an ideal playground for cross-country skiing. And you don't need to pay for ski passes.

NOVICES WELCOME

Every experienced skier will assert cross-country skiing is a fast and thrill-

ing ski sport. And it can be for you too, as putting a little effort into learning the technique will reward you with a feeling akin to flying on skis! If you are less dependent on speed and adrenaline, you could stick more to this classical style of skiing. This technique is easier to learn, and every newbie can start with at least basic ski-moves. This should be adequate for setting off on your own with gentle glides through the parks and open areas of Kyiv, giving you a different perspective of the city during winter. Just don't be discouraged when you end up face down in the snow: it isn't painful, it's part of the game of learning just to balance on skis. The rest is up to you! You can cross-country ski as a social activity in a group, with family, your dog, or peacefully and quietly alone in the snow-covered landscapes.

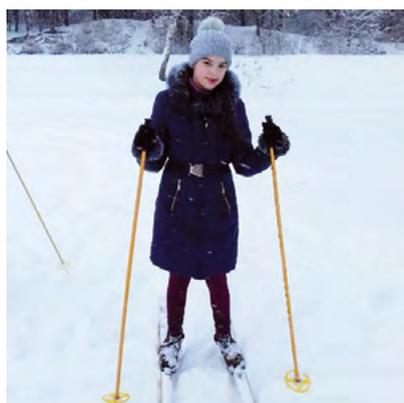
HEALTH BENEFITS

If you still feel hesitant and unsure about whether you want to give it a go, the fact that cross-country skiing is one of the healthiest winter sports should help convince you. It uses almost 85% of the body's muscles, minimising pressure and impact on the joints, is a fantastic way of staying fit, and has a significant effect on the body's cardiovascular system. And it's a perfect way of recovering from the stress of everyday life.

Whether you're an experienced skier or a



beginner who wants to give the sport a try, check out the most exciting and challenging cross-country ski courses and for-hire services all over Kyiv. The cost of renting ski gear (skis, boots, and poles) varies from place to place but 100 UAH per hour is the most common price.



For beginners, the **Youth Sports School №15** (*Детско-юношеская спортивная школа №15*) is the place to start your cross-country skiing experience. It provides two groomed ski trails nearly 5 km long, affordable rentals of all necessary equipment, and the possibility to hire an instructor. Once you find yourself more confident on skis, you could explore the nearby territory of Holiivskiy Park.

📍 *Yahidna 2*
☎ +380 677 890 921



BABYN YAR

For more dedicated cross-country skiers, the territory of Babyn Yar is home to a 3 km long demanding cross-country ski trail organised and groomed by members of the triathlon club **Triatman** and FB group **Cross-country Skis Kyiv**.

📍 *Babyn Yar*
🌐 [xcskikiev](https://www.facebook.com/xcskikiev)



TRUHANIV ISLAND

Across Pivnichniy Bridge, still on Truhaniv island, within the Zenith sports zone is Amigos tours – a cool rental place in a great location with a wide range of equipment. Unlike Druzhby Narodiv, this part of the island is covered by trees and skiing trails are used for mountain biking, which means rough terrain with lots of slopes guaranteeing an excellent whole body workout.

📍 *Trukhanivska – Zenith Sports Centre*
☎ +380 665 129 555
🌐 amigostour.kiev.ua



HOLOSIIVSKIY PARK

On the opposite side of Holiivskiy Park, closer to downtown and Holiivskiy Prospekt avenue, is Bikemotiv, another place for affordable rentals. With two 3 km long loop trails nearby, the flat with gentle slopes territory of the park is a considerable attempt for any after-work outdoor ski activity in the centre of Kyiv.

📍 *Henerala Rodymtseva 11*
☎ +380 672 593 393
🌐 bikemotive.com.ua



KPI

A major event on the cross-country skiing calendar is the Kyiv Diplomatic Cup of Nordic skiing. With the first cup organised in 2015, it brings together representatives of diplomatic missions, international companies, state ministries, government departments, cross-country skiing lovers, and amateurs alike. It takes place every year on the last Sunday of January on the territory of the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute Park (KPI) near the Kyiv Zoo. More information on the forthcoming diplomatic cup can be found on the official website and facebook page of the Ukrainian Ski Club.

📍 *Kyiv Polytechnic Institute Park*
🌐 nordicsskiing.org.ua/en
🌐 skiclub.org.ua



PUSHCHA-VODYTSYA

If you feel like exploring out of Kyiv, there is a specialised rental business situated in Pushcha-Vodytsya. Once there and skiing you will gain an intensive country experience in winter. The track dubbed the “**Route of Health**” is almost 12 km long, with a starting point near the tram station Spetsdyspanser, and is highly recommended for all cross country enthusiasts.

📍 *Fedora Maximenko 78, Pushcha-Vodytsya*



DRUZHBY NARODIV PARK

Another option for renting ski equipment is **Extreme Park**, an amusement centre in Druzhby Narodiv Park on Truhaniv Island. Cross-country skiing here will certainly challenge you! Over 20 km of the flat and stripped territory is designed for skiers of all levels, but excellent for beginners and families with kids.

📍 *Druzhby Narodiv Park*
☎ +380 63 1 362 585
🌐 xpark.kiev.ua/object/begovye-lyzhi

Festive Detox

Jared Morgan

WE DON'T PLAN TO OVERINDULGE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, IT JUST SORT OF HAPPENS. TO HELP WITH RECOVERY AND PERHAPS BURN A LITTLE OF THE BULGE, MAY WE SUGGEST A FEW DAYS IN UKRAINE'S PREMIER...SANATORIUMS? IT'S ALL LEGIT, AND FOR A SHORT UNPLUG TO GET YOU BACK ON TRACK COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

To western ears, the word 'sanatorium' conjures up places where people suffering maladies such as tuberculosis were isolated, confined, and (hopefully) treated. In the Soviet and post-Soviet space the term has a different meaning. In the USSR, the sanatorium was more health spa or resort, and retains a fading nostalgia. Whether you believe in the powers of mineral water and healing mud or not – Ukraine is host to many. If you have overindulged over the festive season they may be just what the doctor ordered.

AUSTERITY IS KEY

A visit to a Soviet-era sanatorium is like stepping back in time. Relics of another era linger in colourful mosaics glorifying Soviet workers; pot-plants dominate communal spaces. Sparsely-furnished guest rooms feature mostly single beds, harking back to a time when guests travelled to sanatoriums alone. Mealtimes feature food in more shades of beige than you can imagine – all the more for focusing on the business at hand.

The treatments are hard-core: there are few delicate facials offered. Instead they range from radon-water douches and oil baths to magnetic sands and underground salt caves. Things are more lax these days but once sanatorium life was strictly regulated, watched by staff to a strict regimen. At their height, these sanatoriums hosted millions of USSR citizens each year, courtesy of the state.

THEN AND NOW

Productive use of free time was something Soviet leaders focused on to define ideal citizens. The purpose of a sanatorium was solely for rest and recuperation (a tradition that lingers with the resort culture



so loved in this part of the world, meaning tourists never venture out of resorts). A mix between medical institution and spa, sanatoriums were an integral part of the Soviet social and political apparatus. The USSR's collapse in 1991 struck fatal blows, leaving many of them boarded up and abandoned. Only the best survived.

Western spa culture has fostered consumers less interested in the medical element of a sanatorium stay. Surviving sanatori-

ums have bowed to consumer demand, incorporating western treatments alongside traditional Soviet-style therapies. They face an uncertain future but offer a unique experience.

SANATORIUMS IN UKRAINE

Here's four of the best according to visitor ratings. All claim to treat inter alia: digestive, gynaecological, endocrine, urological, respiratory, neurological, cardiovascular, and motor disorders. With the temporary loss of Crimea to Russian occupation most available places are located in western Ukraine.

TRUSKAVETS

Resort complex **Rixos-Prykarpattya**, about 80 km south-west of Lviv, is a sanatorium specialising in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders, as well as those of the musculoskeletal system. If you're feeling a little bilious after festivities this offers a solution. Rated five-star, the treatment and diagnostic base is of the highest standards. It works on an "all-inclusive" format, with a luxurious spa, mini-water park, several pools, a gym, and more.

[A stay starts at 2 745 UAH/night](#)

Mirotel Resort and Spa, is one of the leading health resorts in Truskavets. A leading cardiovascular sanatorium, it also boasts gynaecological, dermatological, urological, and musculoskeletal treatments. In addition to the advanced medical diagnostic base, it has an excellent spa centre, pool, and gym.

[A stay starts at 3 173 UAH/night](#)

POLYANA

Solva Resort and Spa is located in the balneological resort Polyana, 30-odd km south of Lviv. Guests are surrounded by high comfort; the health centre offers use of the spa, a mineral water pump room, and exercise equipment all set against the stunning backdrop of the Carpathians, and the resort is famous for its healing mineral water Polyana Kvasova.

[A stay starts at 2 246 UAH/night](#)

MORSHYN

Some 85 km from Lviv and home to the famed mineral water Morshynska, there is the reputable, but inexpensive sanatorium called **Marble Palace**. Its name comes from the fact it is a great example of Soviet Modernism architecture – more than ten types of marble were used in its construction. The mineral water pump-room is one of its main attractions alongside a healing mud bath.

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Those are just our pics. For a greater rundown check: www.naftusia.com/ru/ukraina/vse-sanatorii



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FIVE HOLIDAY GIFTS YOUR MAN WILL LOVE

When it comes to the festive winter season, all women fall into two categories.

The first type are those who start planning in October and spend weeks looking for

the perfect gift. The second also adore treating their men with meaningful presents but postpone shopping to the last minute. As a result, the shopping ends with "I'm the worst girlfriend in the world" followed by eating a huge chocolate Santa Claus while laying in bed...

Don't panic, ladies! Your What's On girls won't let you suffer through this holiday season. We have compiled a list of the best "for him" gifts you can order in minutes and get them delivered right to your door (or your inbox).

Nina Bohush and Serzh Velichanskyi

We ho-ho-hope you'll find time to take care of:

- A handmade card
- Attractive gift wrapping
- Champagne and mandarins
- Bengal light sticks
- A fabulous dress to sweep him off his feet



2. EXCITING EXPERIENCES

Memorable experiences are priceless. Imagine your boyfriend singing out loud at a concert of his favourite band, skydiving, or riding a motorcycle on a dirt track. Does he look happy at that moment? If the answer is "yes", look out for interesting offers available in Kyiv. Luckily, there are plenty.

Prices start at 200 UAH

- concert.ua, • karabas.com,
- riders.com.ua, • chayka.aero.



3. TRUMAN KIT FOR REAL MEN

If there was a heaven for men, it would include the Truman store. From old-school cut-throat razors and hip flasks to beard balm and denim shirts – Truman has everything a real man needs. Come by and smell the whiskey candles or check out a manicure set. When in the store, create a kit of essentials your man hasn't even realised he needs.

Prices start at 130 UAH

- trumangifts.com



4. TOYS FOR BOYS

If you really want to surprise him with some new tech, you have to find something truly extraordinary to put under the tree. What about a turntable paired with his favourite album or an original Polaroid 636? Complement the camera with special cassettes to start capturing your first memories of 2019.

Smart speakers, VR or 3D headsets for video games and movies have high chances to thrill even the most serious men.

Prices start at 250 UAH

- prodj.com.ua, • ipolaroid.com.ua,
- rozetka.com.ua, • comfy.ua

The Shopping List

SANTA MAY BE MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU GOT A PLAN FOR THOSE MVPs IN YOUR LIFE? LET US HELP



5. TASTEFUL ACCESSORIES FOR BOLD FASHION STATEMENTS

We believe every city dweller should have at least one of these: a durable bag, a crafted watch, and warm gloves for touching screens. Indulge your date with a stylish accessory that will make his life in the city more convenient.

Prices start at 560 UAH

- bagman.ua (bags),
- zavodshop.com.ua (watches),
- trekinn.com (gloves).



1. FOR THE EXPLORER

What can be better than exploring new countries together? BezViz made traveling abroad easier, and after Ryanair came to Ukraine we have got an opportunity to travel for the price of a lunch. UIA and WizzAir also offer cheap flights to the most spectacular cities around Europe. The earlier you book your tickets, the less they will cost (search for August-September deals to find the cheapest ones). Don't want to wait until August? Then keep an eye out for last-minute flights. Think of the places your sweetheart has always been dreaming about and arrange the trip of his lifetime!

Prices start at 300 UAH.

- ryanair.com, • flyuia.com,
- wizzair.com

GUYS GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER WITH THESE FIVE IDEAS

Whaaaaat? Christmass and New Year again? Seems like it was yesterday, and you thought next time you would prepare earlier...yeah, right. Am I the only one, who is never on time with presents and gifts? Some of you, gents, can relate to this as well, I know. As such, I am here for you and have prepared an “emergency pack” of last minute ideas, which you can use to impress your special someone.



2. JEWELLERY FOR SOME BLING

This is always a win-win option. But, we often have no idea what she likes. Ladies have multiple criteria for just one small piece of jewellery, which can drive a guy nuts. So, buy a gift certificate! Period! Let her choose a piece for herself, you can stand and look smart as she goes through the selection process. I will share with you a Ukrainian manufacturer, guaranteed to bring joy and happiness to the one you love.

Prices start at 370 UAH

📍 [goodjewelryua](#)



5. LINGERIE AS A SURE FIRE WINNER

Take your relationship to the next level with a beautiful set of underwear. Get her something lacy and pretty from a Ukrainian brand of handmade lingerie, and both win. Do I have to explain further?

Prices start at 720 UAH

🌐 [www.zhilyova.com](#)

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3. A LITTLE LEATHER

Or, if you want to do something a little more tangible, surprise her with some fabulous leather accessories: a leather bag or leather wallet made in Ukraine of real and/or high-quality vegan leather.

Prices start at 280 UAH

🌐 [www.thewings.com.ua](#)



4. A SPA TREATMENT

An excellent gift: earn brownie points not just with your girl but also her girlfriends by sending them all to a Spa for a days’ worth of pampering! If you do this right, you will thank me – take my word for it!

Prices start at 950 UAH

🌐 [www.admiralclub.com.ua](#)



1. FLY AWAY AND EXPLORE

Take her to a warm beach and sun for some much-needed vitamin D. Don’t spoil this one. Make it special. Girls dream of hearing the phrase: “Make sure you bring your international passport with you and don’t ask any questions!” But to make it happen you need to think it through. The companies I recommend I have used myself.

Prices start at 160 UAH

🌐 [skyscanner.com](#)

If something goes wrong – you took her to Prague instead of Dubai and she doesn’t like it, don’t blame me! And, by the way, flowers are applicable for any situation, at any time of day and/or night! Have a great holiday season!

Moskalytsya

One-act mystic drama
 📅 **19 December at 19.00**
 📍 *Kyiv Academic Operetta Theatre*
 (V Vasylkivska 53/3)
 🎫 200 UAH
 🌐 operetta.com.ua

Love...By Touch

Bright story in complete darkness
 📅 **20 December and 8 January at 19.00**
 📍 *Academic Theatre of Drama and Comedy*
 on *Left Bank* (Brovarskyi Avenue 25)
 🎫 120 – 240 UAH
 🌐 drama-comedi.kiev.ua

Christmas Jazz Songs. Sinatra

Marco Concert series
 📅 **24, 29 December at 19.00**
 📍 *House of Architects* (B Hrinchenka 7)
 🎫 225 – 500 UAH
 🌐 arhite.com.ua

The Crucible, English-language play

Witch-hunt
 📅 **29 December at 19.00**
 📍 *Kyiv Academic Molodyi Theatre* (Provizna 17)
 🎫 150 UAH
 🌐 molodyitheatre.com

The Nutcracker

Kyiv Modern Ballet
 📅 **12, 13 January at 19.00**
 📍 *International Centre of Culture and Arts*
 (*Nebesnoi Sotni 1*)
 🎫 70 – 850 UAH
 🌐 icca.kiev.ua



JUNO AND AVOS ON ICE (ROCK MUSICAL)

📅 **2-4 January at 19.00**
 📍 *Palace of Sports* (*Sportyvna Square 1*)
Juno and Avos, a cult rock opera composed by Aleksei Rybnikov in the early 80s, gets a new lease of life. The ice show uses dance as a key tool of artistic expression to make us look at a well-known love story from another perspective. The performance applies special effects, spectacular light-and-video projections, and virtual reality scenery to take us on a journey across the raging ocean – from the port city of Kronstadt to California's white sands.
 🎫 290 – 1 150 UAH
 🌐 spalace.com.ua



YEVHEN KHMARA (UA, ORCHESTRA, CHOIR, ROCK BAND)

📅 **17 December at 19.00**
 📍 *Palace Ukraine* (*V Vasylkivska 103*)
 Touted as a Ukrainian Mozart, Khmara began composing music at the age of seven. Now his trophies include a Hollywood Improv Award, Yamaha Artist title and a national Presidential Prize. Enjoy a mix of sophistication, intelligence, and spirituality.
 🎫 200 – 1 750 UAH
 🌐 palace-ukraine.com

From Saint Nicolas to Christmas

Featuring Vervovka Ukrainian National Academic Choir
 📅 **21 December at 19.00**
 📍 *National Philharmonic of Ukraine*
 (*Volodymyrskiy Descent 2*)
 🎫 70 – 300 UAH
 🌐 filarmonia.com.ua

Art of Choreography, New Year Concert

Featuring Serge Lifar Kyiv Municipal Academy of Dance
 📅 **22 December at 12.00**
 📍 *National Opera of Ukraine*
 (*Volodymyrska 50*)
 🎫 20 – 300 UAH
 🌐 opera.com.ua

Goliath, play by Misanthrope Theatre

Based on Tom Gauld's comic book
 📅 **22, 23 and 29, 30 December, 1-10 January at 16.00, 18.00**
 📍 *Teleport360, Kyiv's Expo Centre*
 (*Akademika Hlushkova 1*)
 🎫 From 250 UAH
 🌐 misanthrope.theatre

A Boxer's Heart

One-act drama
 📅 **23 December, 3 and 13 January at 17.00, 20.00**
 📍 *Lesya Ukrainka Theatre* (*B Khmelnytskoho 5*)
 🎫 90 UAH
 🌐 rusdram.com.ua

WHAT WOMEN KEEP SILENT ABOUT (UA, PLAY)

📅 **20 December at 19.00**
 📍 *House of Officers* (*Hrushevskoho 30/1*)
 If you want to know what women really think about, don't listen to them. Women talk a lot, yet what is it they conceal? Each has secrets to hide, and five ladies brought together under one roof constitute an intricate mystery over a murder that occurs at night. Which one is a murderess? A police inspector sets to investigate this riddle. His task is far from simple: while comparing testimonies and facts, he must not let the lovely ladies drive him crazy with their 'logic'.
 🎫 130 – 620 UAH
 🌐 cbo.org.ua

Straus New Year Fairy Show

National Presidential Orchestra (Brass Band)
 📅 **30 December at 19.00**
 📍 *National Philharmonic of Ukraine* (*Volodymyrskiy Descent 2*)
 🎫 100 – 600 UAH
 🌐 filarmonia.com.ua



KUTAISI (GE, MUSIC AND DANCE SHOW)

📅 **18 December at 19.00**
 📍 *International Centre of Culture and Arts*
 (*Nebesnoi Sotni 1*)
 A multiple winner of international festivals, the Kutaisi State Song and Dance Ensemble is Georgia's cultural pearl. These talents keep audiences hooked from the first minute of their outstanding shows. The Ensemble cherishes folklore traditions while enhancing them through 'the young blood'. The Kutaisi dancers will tour Ukraine this month, demonstrating a stunning blend of vibrant orchestra, mesmerising choreography, and luxurious costumes.
 🎫 200 – 900 UAH
 🌐 icca.kiev.ua



FRAGMENT. SERHIY ZVYAGINTSEV

📅 30 November – 27 January

📍 Art 14 Gallery (Mykhaylivskiy 14)

Serhiy Zvyagintsev's works allows you to reflect on his pieces to build up your own interpretation. The artist doesn't give his viewers a direct answer to the sense of his artworks. Fragment is about the coexistence of the universal and the individual in all senses.

🆓 Free

🌐 art14.com.ua

Painting. Liubomyr Medvid

📅 27 November – 11 January

📍 AVS Art Gallery (Hlybochyt'ska 32b)

🆓 Free

🌐 avsart.com.ua

CONSTELLATIONS: OLEG SOKOLOV, MYKOLA LUKIN

📅 29 November – 3 February

📍 Dymchuk Gallery (Yaroslavska 21)

This exhibition is a chance to compare the works of intergenerational artists. Constellations is a series of artworks by representatives of the Odesa non-conformism (a movement spanning the 60s, 70s, and 80s) and Odesa contemporary artists. Oleg Sokolov, considered a forerunner of the second Odesa avant-garde, exhibits the results of his work: a mix of culture, poetry, graphic art, and painting. Works by contemporary artist Mykola Lukin, constitute the second part of the exhibition. His pieces are represented in monochrome.

🆓 Free

🌐 dymchuk.com



Contemporary

📅 16 November – 24 December

📍 UA: HUB (Melnykova 42)

🆓 Free

🌐 llitvinova.com

Avant-garde: In Search of the Fourth Dimension

📅 15 December – 4 February

📍 M17 Contemporary Art Centre (Antonovycha 102-104)

🆓 Free

🌐 m17.kiev.ua

Mykola Krychevskiy. Artist and the World

📅 22 November – 21 January

📍 Museum Of Ukrainian Diaspora (Moskovska 40b)

🎫 25 UAH

📱 MuseumUkrainianDiaspora



Winterra. Legend of Fairytale

📅 14-16, 21-31 December, 1-7, 11-13, 19-20 January, at various times

📍 Concert Hall, Kyiv Expo Centre (Akademika Hlushkova 1)

A major winter premiere focuses on the most vital things in life: family, love, care, and magic, which brings together big kids with their own kids. This world class 3D show removes the boundary between reality and imagination: you will feel like a little child who once again believes in the season's miracles and fantasies.

🎫 209 – 2 499 UAH

🌐 winterra.com.ua

Santa Claus's Residence

📅 18 December at 14.00

📍 Expocenter of Ukraine (Akademika Hlushkova 1)

🎫 190 UAH

🌐 vdnq.ua

Crazy Bubble Show

📅 23 December at 11.00

📍 House of Officers (Hrushevskoho 30/1)

🎫 150 UAH

🌐 cbo.org.ua

Colour Games

📅 23 December at 17.00

📍 DAKH Contemporary Art Center (V Vasylkiv'ska 136)

🎫 250 UAH

🌐 dax.com.ua

The Nutcracker

📅 30 December at 16.00

📍 Palace of Sports (Sportyvna 1)

🎫 150 UAH

🌐 spalace.com.ua

New Year Musical, The Snow Queen. The Power of a Hot Heart

📅 2 January at 13.00

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

🎫 90 UAH

🌐 knmau.com.ua

New Year Musical, Conspiracy in Disneyland

📅 6 January at 15.00

📍 International Centre of Culture and Arts (Nebesnyi Sotni 1)

🎫 90 UAH

🌐 icca.kiev.ua

Star Boy

📅 16 December at 14.00

📍 The Wheel Kyiv Academic Theatre (Andriivskiy Descent 8)

🎫 100 UAH

🌐 teatr-koleso.kiev.ua

THE SNOW QUEEN. TALES WITH AN ORCHESTRA

📅 28 December at 12.00

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

Welcome to a musical and literary performance that will show your children the beauty of fairytales. Olga Sumska will charm everyone by reading a wonderful winter tale by Hans Christian Andersen. The Kyiv Camerata National Ensemble will impress you with classical pieces by Edward Grieg, Jan Sibelius, and Kurt Atterberg. The colourful water animation by Angelina Golden is nothing but magic! Also, wait for the sand show by Andriy Pischny and be ready to feel the tale come to life.

🎫 120 UAH

🌐 knmau.com.ua



Lady Rock

📅 20 December at 22.00
 📍 Docker Pub (Bohatyrska 25)
 📞 TBC
 📱 dockersabc

Vystavka Techno: Backstage

Birthday Party
 📅 21 December at 23.00
 📍 Otel' (Nizhnoiurkivska 31)
 📞 TBC
 📱 otelleto

Toto Chiavetta (IT)

📅 21 December at 23.00
 📍 Skybar (V Vasylkivska 5)
 📞 TBC
 📱 SkyBarKiev

Link — Vele (Whoyostro)

📅 22 December at 23.00
 📍 River Port (Nyzhniy Val 67)
 📞 TBC
 FB riverportkyiv

Top hits of the 80s, 90s, 00s

📅 23 December at 23.00
 📍 Indigo (Kudryashova 3)
 📞 TBC
 📱 indigo.ambitious

Happy Christmas

📅 23 December at 22.00
 📍 Tao Event Hall (Arena City, Baseyna 2a)
 📞 from 150 UAH
 📱 TaoHallEvent

Portfavor Party

📅 23 December at 23.00
 📍 River Port (Nyzhniy Val 67)
 📞 TBC
 📱 riverportkyiv

Nightmare Before Christmas Party

📅 23 December at 23.00
 📍 D.Fleur (Hrushevskoho 3)
 📞 from 100 UAH
 📱 DFleurNightClub

Bad Girls Party

📅 26 December at 23.00
 📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)
 📞 Ladies FREE, gents 250 UAH

Yolka. DNK New Year Test

📅 28 December at 22.00
 📍 Atlas (Sichovyh Striltsiv 37-41)
 📞 from 200 UAH
 📱 Atlas37

Rozhden

📅 31 December at 22.00
 📍 Ego Party Place (Fedorova 4)
 📞 from 600 UAH
 📱 ego.party.place

Indigo New Year Party 2019

📅 31 December at 23.00
 📍 Indigo (Kudryashova 3)
 📞 from 400 UAH
 📱 indigo.ambitious

Pro.Rock Pub New Year Party 2019

📅 31 December at 23.00
 📍 ProRock Pub (Pushkinska 32)
 📞 1 675 UAH
 📱 ProRockPub

New Year Carnival

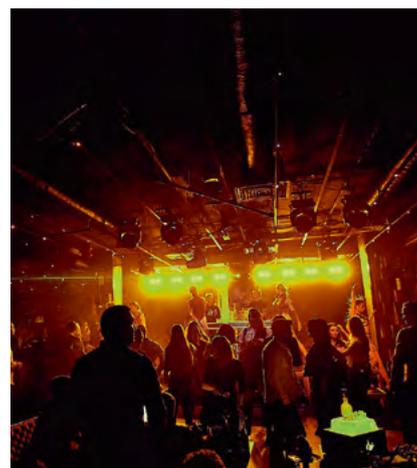
📅 31 December at 22.00
 📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlyury 4)
 📞 800 – 6 900 UAH
 📱 caribbean.com.ua

Buena Vista All Stars

📅 31 December at 22.00
 📍 Buena Vista Social Bar (V Zhytomyrska 8/14)
 📞 TBC
 📱 BuenaVistaSocialBar

New Year with the Stars

📅 31 December at 22.00
 📍 CEC Parkovy (Parkova 16a)
 📞 4 500 UAH
 📱 facebook.com/KievShowParty



GRAND NEW YEAR AFTER-PARTY

📅 3 January at 23.00
 📍 D.Fleur (Hrushevskoho 3)
 One of the most exclusive clubs in Kyiv, D.Fleur keeps the party going well after the clock strikes midnight, and you've got an invitation. This evening features a special menu with prices that will not bust your festive budget. Sounds of the night come courtesy of Vetal Art, Hardance, and Mage. MC Gospodin Petr will be around to entice you to the dancefloor.
 📞 450 UAH
 📱 DFleurNightClub

Freki's Birthday Party

📅 5 January at 17.00
 📍 Volume Club (Harmatna 26/2)
 📞 120 UAH
 📱 volumeconcertclub

Ladies Night

📅 10 January at 20.00
 📍 Shooters (Moskovska 22)
 📞 Ladies FREE, gents 150UAH
 📱 shooters.kiev.ua



MASQUERADE

📅 12 January at 23.55
 📍 Closer (Nizhnoiurkivska 31)
 Party too hard this season, or perhaps not enough? Either way, don a mask and join fellow nightlife lovers to take on a less traditional form of Old New Year with Closer's Masquerade. Keeping you on your feet is Chilean-German producer Ricardo Villalobos – touted one of the most inventive producers in electronic music. Well-known for his work in minimal and micro-house, there is nothing micro about this party.
 📞 from 600 UAH
 📱 closerkiev



Ring in the

Lera Zdanovych

New Year



WITH JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS LEFT TO THE NEW YEAR, IT'S TIME TO CONSIDER WHERE TO CELEBRATE. AS WE SAY IN UKRAINE, A GOOD BEGINNING TO THE YEAR ENSURES A GREAT YEAR AHEAD! SO WE'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF ROUNDING UP SOME FABULOUS EVENTS TO GET YOUR 2019 STARTED IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE

GET HAPPY, GET NEW

Samskara is an immersive exhibition featuring paintings by American artist Andrew Johns, known for his collaboration with the Burning Man Festival. Add here music from Anatoly Tapolsky and Vlad Fisun, who will play the whole night, in a two-tier space with bars, a food court, spherical cinema, chill zone, and secret room. The first 500 tickets sold have +1 at the entrance, so hurry and get in on the gig.

📍 *Samskara (Lvivska Square 8a)*

🎫 500 UAH

📱 events/302287937071385

A COSMIC PARTY

"Atlas is a starship that will go on a New Year's Eve trip to far-off galaxies", organisers say. The party promises a space travel theme, with three dance floors, each in their own style. Performances by Ukrainian bands, including Yuko, Latexfauna, and FontalizaTechno will play in the Banana Room, while Barbara Bar will host the hits of the '90s. So, put on your cosmic helmet and let's fly far far away.

📍 *Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)*

🎫 360 UAH

📱 Atlas37

WHERE MAGIC LIVES

Magic is coming to It's Not the Louvre to ring in the New Year in an atmosphere of fantasy, including fantastic beasts, French cuisine, and a magical cocktail list. The music program includes DJ Derbastler – the official DJ of the well-known band Gogol Bordello; OY Sound System – a band founded by members of Dakhabrakha; DJ Kostya Space being the disco and funk. Enjoy this New Year celebration floating between the dance hall and bar, the artists' zone with atmospheric cinema clips, and in their stylish photo-lounge.

📍 *It's Not the Louvr (V Lipinskoho 4)*

🎫 TBC

📱 NotTheLouvre

GET A LITTLE CLOSER

As per tradition, Closer presents an evening of electronic music this New Year. The main theme of the party is being kept a secret, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't get ready to rock around the clock. With the party lineup already announced, get ready for guests from the Netherlands and residents of Boiler Room: Marcel Vogel (house) and San Proper. As well, Maayan Nidam (techno) will perform for the 10th time in the last four years. More news coming soon.

📍 *Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska 31)*

🎫 TBC

📱 Closerkiev

VIP-PARTY

Stereoplaza invites you to spend New Year's Eve in the company of some of the top stars in Ukrainian show business. A show programme from the Female Quarter will have you laughing heartily this New Year's Eve. The programme also features actors from Kvartal 95: Alexander Pikalov, Stepan Kazanin, Yuri Koryavchenkov, Mika Fatalov, and Yuri Krapov. Not to mention live performances by Natalia Mohilevsky, NeAngely, and Garik Krichevsky.

Well-known MCs Katya Osadcha and Yuri Gorbunov will set the tone for the evening. If you want to celebrate in a big way, this is for you.

📍 *Stereo Plaza (Lobanovskiy Ave 119)*

🎫 TBC

📱 stereoplaza

STARS, STARS, AND MORE STARS

Celebrate New Year 2019 in a bright dress and heels, with champagne and pumping hits at the Kyiv Show party. Zlata Ognevich will deliver an exclusive performance, while guests of the evening will be entertained by Dmitry Slipachenko and Vadim Novitsky, members of League of Laugh 2018. The party will also be lit up by show-ballet A6, a light show, a performance by illusionists and a string trio. The whole hall will be one continuous holiday photo zone, which promises to be bright and beautiful.

📍 *CEC Parkovy (Parkova 16a)*

🎫 TBC

📱 kievshow.com

MERRY
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



**BRITISH THEATRE IN CINEMA
IN ORIGINAL LANGUAGE WITH
UKRAINIAN SUBTITLES**

The Winter's Tale –

📅 18 December at 19.00

Frankenstein: Lee Miller –

📅 23 December at 19.00

The Madness of George III –

📅 25 December at 19.00

Frankenstein: Cumberbatch –

📅 29 December at 19.00

📍 Cinema Kyiv (V Vasylkivska 19)

🎫 190 UAH

🌐 kievkino.com.ua



Romantic Skate

📅 10 December – 14 January

📍 Shevchenko Park

🎫 300 UAH

📱 events/257479364919361/

New Year 2019

📅 15 December – 20 January

📍 Kontraktova Pl

🎫 FREE

📱 folkukraine

Kyiv's Christmas Tree

📅 19 December – 13 January

📍 Sofiivska Pl

🎫 FREE

The House that Jack Built

The story follows Jack, a highly intelligent serial killer, over the course of 12 years, and depicts the murders that really develop his inner madman.

📅 16 December at 20.35

📍 Zhovten (Kostyantynivska 26)

🎫 110 UAH

🌐 .zhovten-kino.kiev.ua

Aquaman

Arthur Curry learns he is the heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis, and must step forward to lead his people and be a hero to the world.

📅 18 December at 19.00

📍 Multiplex Lavina Mall (Berkovetska 6d)

🎫 85-170 UAH

🌐 multiplex.ua

Frankenstein: Lee Miller

In the second production of the play by Nick Dir, based on the novel by Mary Shelley, the roles of the doctor and the creature (Benedict Cumberbatch and Johnny Lee Miller) are reversed.

📅 18 and 29 December at 15.00

📍 Multiplex Lavina Mall (Berkovetska 6d)

🎫 180 – 240 UAH

🌐 multiplex.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)

🎫 50 UAH

🌐 cinemaciti.ua

Kraina Mrii

📅 19 December – 7 January

📍 International Exhibition Centre (Brovarskiy Pr 15)

🎫 FREE

🌐 monet.kiev.ua/new_years_fest

New year Market

📅 22-25 December

📍 International Exhibition Centre (Brovarskiy Pr 15)

🎫 FREE

🌐 monet.kiev.ua/new_years_fest

Citrus Kingdom Holiday Market

📅 21 December – 13 January

📍 Spivache Pole (Lavrska 33)

🎫 Kids 75 UAH, adults 100 UAH

📱 spivachepole

The Biggest Christmas Market Ever

📅 22-25, 29-30 December

📍 Vsi.Svoi (Desyatyna 9)

🎫 FREE

📱 Vsi.svoi



Artem Dalakian vs. Gregorio Lebron

📅 15 December at 18:00

📍 Parkovy Convention Centre (Parkovy 16a)

Hot off Ukrainian Olympic hero Vasyl Lomachenko's convincing defeat of Jorge Pedraza for the WBO lightweight belt on 8 December, Kyiv's fighting fans have plenty of options to take in some live action in the Ukrainian capital this month. The fun begins when Ukraine's WBA flyweight champion Artem Dalakian defends his title against the Dominican Republic's Gregorio Lebron (21-4) at Kyiv's Parkovy Convention Centre on 15 December. Dalakian has moved his undefeated record up to 17-0 and is the heavy favourite to defend his title at home.

🎫 500 – 2 000 UAH (Dalakian-Lebron)

Kyiv Basket – Ukrainian SuperLeague

📅 22 December at 18.00 vs Cherkasy Monkeys

📅 10 January at 19.00 vs Mykolaiv

📅 12 January at 19.00 vs BK Zaporizhia

📍 Meridian Sports Complex (Heroes of Sevastopol 11b) or Palace of Sports (Sportyvna 1)

🎫 60 – 200 UAH

🌐 kyiv-basket.com.ua

Kyiv Basket – Ukrainian Women's SuperLeague

📅 11 January at 18.00 vs Rivne

📅 12 January at 18.00 vs Vinnytsia

Blyskavky

📍 Meridian Sports Complex (Heroes of Sevastopol 11b)

🎫 TBD

🌐 kyiv-basket.com.ua

Dynamo Kyiv – Ukrainian Women's SuperLeague

📅 11 January at 18.00 vs Vinnytsia

Blacksmiths

📅 12 January at 18.00 vs Rivne

📍 Drahomanova National Pedagogical University's Institute of Physical Education (Turhenivska 3/9)

🎫 TBD

🌐 bcdynamo.kiev.ua/ua

Kyiv Ice Wolves – Ukrainian Hockey League

📅 18 December vs HK Kremenchuk

📅 23 December vs Kherson Dnipro

📅 25 December vs Donbas Donetsk

📅 4 January vs Bilyy Bars Snow Leopards

📅 9 January vs Dynamo Kharkiv

📅 13 January vs HK Kremenchuk

📍 Shalett Ice Arena (Shalett 6)

🎫 Free

🌐 vovki.in.ua

Kyiv Ukrainochka – Ukrainian Women's Hockey League

📅 21 December vs Kharkiv Panthers

📅 22 December vs Kharkiv Panthers

📅 23 December vs Kharkiv Panthers

📍 Shalett Ice Arena (Shalett 6)

🎫 Free

📱 hcukrainochka

Craig David (UK, pop, EDM)

📅 16 December, 20.00
 📍 Stereo Plaza (Lobanovskoho 119)
 💰 490 UAH
 📱 stereoplaza

Vagonovojaty (electronic)

📅 16 December, 20.00
 📍 Atlas (Sichovykh Striltsiv 37-41)
 💰 360 UAH
 📱 Atlas37

Bez Obmezhen (pop-rock)

📅 18 December, 19.00
 📍 Palace of Sports (Sportyvna 1)
 💰 390 UAH
 🌐 kontramarka.ua

New Year Music Platform (pop)

📅 18, 19 December, 19.00
 📍 Palace of Ukraine
 (V Vasylkivska 103)
 💰 590 UAH
 🌐 bit.ly/muzplatforma2018

Alina Orlova & string quintet (indie folk)

📅 20 December at 20.00
 📍 House of Cinema (Saksaganskoho, 6)
 💰 300 UAH
 🌐 rockforagency.com

Lucas Bird (indie pop)

📅 21 December at 19.30
 📍 Shoom (Nyzhnoiurkivska 31)
 💰 100 UAH
 🌐 2event.com

The Best Ukrainian Metal Act 2018 (metal, rock)

📅 22 December at 17.00
 📍 Bingo (Pobedy Pr 112)
 💰 220 UAH
 🌐 bingo.ua

Atomic Simao

(funk, acid jazz, psychedelic)
 📅 22 December at 20.00
 📍 Closer (Nyzhnoiurkivska 31)
 💰 250 UAH
 📱 events/319659472143403

Druzia Gagarina

(acoustic, rock, poetry)
 📅 22 December at 20.00
 📍 Music space MK (Khmelnitskoho 57b)
 💰 200 UAH
 📱 events/494293801065533

adm:t (indie pop)

📅 23 December at 19.00
 📍 Secret place (Podil)
 📱 Free
 📱 events/715678158788615

Naoni Christmas concert

(pop, instrumental)
 📅 25 December at 19.00
 📍 House of Architects (B Grinchenko Street 7)
 💰 225 UAH
 🌐 concert.ua

Rock Monsters New Year: Sinoptik, Vovk, Omana, Aghiazma (rock)

📅 28 December at 18.00
 📍 Art-club Teplyi Lampozyi
 (Mykhaila Omelianovycha-Pavlenka 46)
 💰 200 UAH
 📱 events/453923155138687

Tina Karol (pop)

📅 31 December at 19.00
 📍 Palace of Ukraine
 (V Vasylkivska 103)
 💰 200 UAH
 🌐 concert.ua



SECRET SERVICE (SWE, POP)

📅 19 December at 19.00
 📍 International Centre of Culture and Arts
 (Nebesnoi Sotni 1)

Meet these legendary pop-musician of the 80s: Secret Service is recognised as worthy of representing Sweden along with the legendary ABBA. The band was founded in 1979 and quickly won the hearts of pop music connoisseurs all over the world. The first successful single *Oh Susie* was followed by the hit *Ten O'Clock Postman*, which quickly broke into the world charts. But the most popular work of the band has been *Flash in The Night* (from the album *Cutting Corners* in 1982). The song is loved and sung by Secret Service fans in many countries. So, come hear these iconic hits.

💰 350 UAH
 🌐 concert.ua

Oleh Skrypka and orchestra: Christmas concert Shchedryk (pop)

📅 7 January at 19.00
 📍 Palace of Ukraine
 (V Vasylkivska 103)
 💰 150 UAH
 🌐 concert.ua

Elvis' Birthday Party (rock'n'roll)

📅 8 January at 19.00
 📍 Carribbean club (Symona Petliury 4)
 💰 150 UAH
 🌐 concert.ua

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📅 20 December at 19.00
 📍 HC KPI (Peremohy Ave 37)

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Malanka

The Ukrainian Mardi Gras

Lee Reaney

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This holiday season be sure to experience for yourself one of Ukraine's great cultural traditions. Long dormant in Soviet Ukraine, this little holiday has made a comeback and large events are planned across the country.

WHAT IS MALANKA?

Malanka is how Ukrainians celebrate Old New Year – January 13-14, according to the Julian calendar. Falling nearer the end of the month-long holiday season, it is one of the biggest celebrations of the holiday season. It entails lots of food, drink, carolling, and good-natured pranks, while some communities have added parades, concerts, and other public events for the community to celebrate together.

In addition to a good ole party, Malanka also includes a travelling Christmas play, or vertep, where groups dress up in garish costumes and go door-to-door to perform a nativity-based performance. Characters can be very different from region to region, but generally include a goat, bear, angel, and Malanka herself. Modern plays often poke fun at public figures like politicians, so you can find characters dressed up as Berkut or Yanukovich alongside biblical characters like 'wise men' or the devil.

These roaming groups visit houses where they perform their comedy acts, sing shchedrivky (carols), and prank their hosts. Hosts make sure to wine and dine their guests, so the later in the evening the group arrives, the more ridiculous the play becomes. Hosts also see their guests off with a token of their appreciation (in addition to food and drink) so that the next morning the performers' wallets compensate for their harrowing headaches.

Malanka dates back to Ukraine's pre-Christian pagan days. One version tells the story of how Mylanka (from 'myla', meaning 'loving') is kidnapped by her evil uncle, where the land is cold and desolate until she is returned in spring. Christians used the event to celebrate the feast day of Melania the Younger and developed many of the traits we see in the modern tradition, including travelling plays, carol-singing, and

spreading wheat in a house's entrance to ensure health, happiness, love, and luck. Malanka was banned in Soviet Ukraine, although some villages ignored the edict. Diaspora communities continued to celebrate the holiday and it is still a major event in many diaspora communities today, with western Ukraine taking the lead in reviving the tradition in post-independence Ukraine.

I'M IN! WHERE DO I CELEBRATE?

We're glad you asked. There's lots of options, so pick out a place that's near you or the one that looks the most interesting and make sure you don't miss out on one of Ukraine's coolest holidays!

CHERNIVTSI

Chernivtsi has hosted Malanka Fest each year since 2011 and gets upwards of 50 Malanka groups to participate in its parade each year.

KRASNOILSK (CHERNIVTSI OBLAST)

A cross-oblast rival to the show in Vashkivtsi is found in the Bukovynian village of Krasnoilsk. The village has developed its own distinctly pagan character by combining the elements of Ukrainian, Romanian, Hutsul, and Bessarabian Malanka traditions.

KHARKIV

Kharkiv will host the largest Malanka event in eastern Ukraine again this year. Organisers expect more than 10 000 people to attend the third annual Vertep Fest on 12-13 January.

VASHKIVTSI (CHERNIVTSI OBLAST)

The Village of Vashkivtsi in the Chernivtsi oblast lays a legitimate claim as home of the Ukrainian Malanka. The community has celebrated the event for well over a century and has some of the most ornate, fascinating, and over-the-top performers in the country.

LVIV

Lviv is one of Ukraine's premier places to experience the holiday season. Events start long before Malanka and include parades of didukhy (a traditional sheaf of wheat), koliadky (carolling), and vertep (Malanka plays). Be sure to check out the Parade of the Christmas Star which sees participants parade ornate, handmade stars throughout the city centre.

KYIV

Many restaurants and clubs will have specific Malanka specials. If you're looking for a party, check out the Ukrainian Youth Association – Kyiv branch's Malanka on 12 January. TED Talk-style speakers, a fundraising auction, and a dance and party are in store for just 50 UAH. For a more traditional experience, check out the Malanka Feast performance at the House of Officers (Hrushevskoho 30/1). The nearly two-hour show costs 100-500 UAH. Kyiv Rus Park has plenty of traditional events throughout the holiday season too: we recommend checking out the Epiphany Day celebrations on 19 January.





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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

📅 31 January – 17 March

📍 IZONE (Naberezhno-Luhova 8)

“Armed and Dangerous” is a project dedicated to the issues of the militarisation of society, and youth’s attitude to violence and weapons. It is a platform which brings together a group of artists and film directors, who try to combine contemporary art and experimental cinema. The project is introduced in the form of a video series. Most of the scenes were shot during walks, parties, and other everyday situations to show the real state of Ukrainian society. The footage reflects the problem of ongoing military intervention in the east of Ukraine.

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DZHIMA STARS FOR UKRAINE AS BIATHLON WORLD CUP HEADS TO GERMANY

📅 10-12 January in Oberhof, Germany and 17-20 January in Ruhpolding, Germany

The Ukrainian women’s biathlon team started the 2018-19 season off right as 28-year-old Olympic champion Yuliya Dzhima claimed her first-ever World Cup gold medal. She shot 20-for-20 to take the season’s first race – the 15 km Individual in Pokljuka, Slovenia. Dzhima was part of the Ukrainian women’s relay team that claimed Olympic gold in Sochi in 2014, but disappointed last winter in PyeongChang by placing 11th. “I actually hoped to be in first place last year,” said an excited Dzhima, “so that’s why I decided to start this year with a victory!” The Ukrainian team will continue their quest for a World Cup title with two events in Germany in January. Oberhof will host the 7.5 km Sprint and 10 km Pursuit on 10-12 January, while Ruhpolding will stage 7.5 km Sprint and 12.5 km Mass Start races from 17-20 January. You can catch the action on Eurosport and UA: Pershiy (First).

🎫 30 – 75 EUR (Oberhof),

🎫 95 – 345 EUR (Ruhpolding)

🌐 weltcup-oberhof.com &

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LA-LA-LAI-NO / SHI-SHI-SHIT (UA, PLAY ABOUT BETRAYAL AND VICTORY)

📅 19 January at 20.00

📍 Wild Theatre, Stage 6, Dovzhenko Centre (Vasylkivska 1)

Hercules, legendary son of Zeus and demi-god, is known for his superhuman power. In his new incarnation, he finds himself in Ukraine. To provide for his wife and pay all bills, he is forced to look for a job. Stock exchange agents offer Hercules a state-level vacancy: to clean the country inundated with thick crap. Attend the provocative performance to see if the mythological being is capable of meeting this challenge to turn it into his sixth deed.

🎫 150 – 450 UAH

📱 scene6



TWENTY ONE PILOTS (US, POP, HIP-HOP, ALTERNATIVE)

📅 30 January at 19.00

📍 Palace of Sports (Sportyvna 1)

This up-and-coming American pop-band is coming to Kyiv, where the duo will present their new album *Trench* while on their Bandito Tour. No stranger to UA, the music video for *Nico And the Niners* was shot here in the capital. Their previous record – *Blurryface*, received a Grammy and sold more than 6.5 million copies. You’ll no doubt recognise one of their main hit singles *Heathens*, which was featured on the soundtrack to the movie *Suicide Squad*, while their song *Stressed Out* brought the group a 2017 Grammy Award for Best Pop Duo. The video for the hit is already approaching 1.4 billion views on YouTube. So don’t miss this performance!

🎫 1 890 UAH

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CLASSIC FOR KIDS

📅 9 February at 11.00

📍 Budynok Kino (Saksahansko 6)

Bundle your children up and head out to enjoy classical music! This concert is devoted to planet Earth and its abundance. You’ll have the opportunity to listen to some classical pieces from famous composers and your kids’ favourite cartoon soundtracks. What will definitely capture your children’s interest is the sand animation programme. The orchestra will introduce your kids to classical music, and immerse you and your family in an atmosphere of nature and tranquility. Presented in an easy manner, every composition will touch your heart!

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SAMOE BOLSHOE PROSTOE CHISLO (RU, ELECTRONIC, POP, IDM, INDIE)

📅 25 January at 19.00

📍 Caribbean Club (Symona Petlury 4)

It’s difficult to determine their style, as СПБЧ, as they’re called in Russian, can combine different elements: orchestral, electronic, and rock. Every performance is unique and each city gets a special visual approach. Strange texts at first listen seem absurd, but the second time round you will be surprised at how sincere and simple are the metaphors. And somewhere there, between the absurd and the genius, lies the charm and dependency of SBP4. In the spring they released a new album, *We Didn’t Sleep, We Were Dreamed Of* with a new member of the group – actress Zhenya Borzykh. And they’re back in Kyiv following the new year with a new gig.

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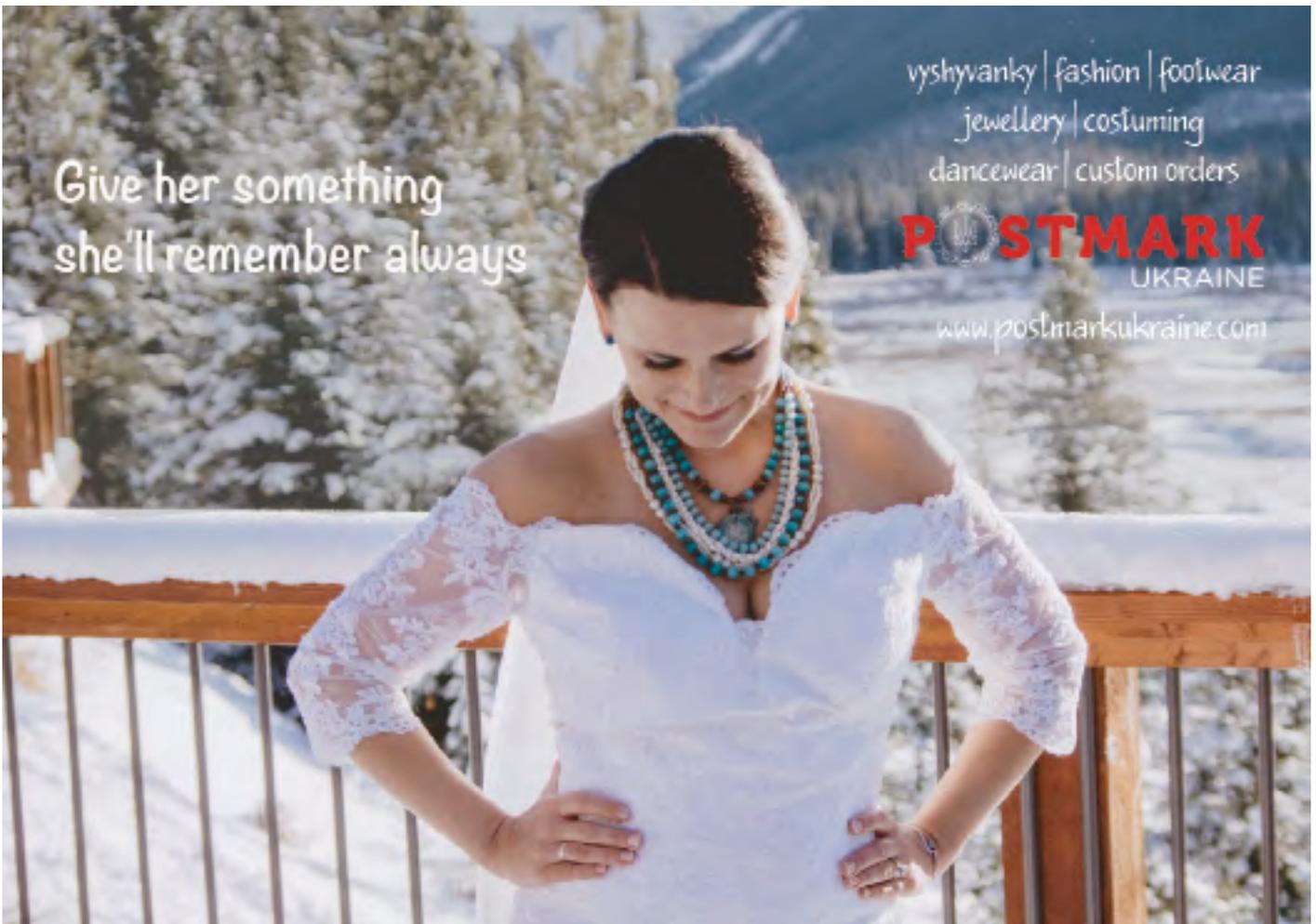
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THREE WORDS THAT ENCAPSULATE THE FOCUS
OF THIS PROJECT

Loss. Light. Hope.

LOSS

Jared Morgan

Loss in independent Ukraine's 27-year history is already writ large. A revolution spanning the festive period a mere five years ago, descended into a bloodbath unseen in Ukraine since the darkest days of WWII. The festive season was effectively cancelled and despite the sacrifice and shared sense of revolutionary victory, the shared trauma of the price paid was only the beginning.

Annexation and invasion of large swathes of Ukrainian land followed. Just like on Maidan, Ukrainians rallied. Undeclared war with a neighbour – Russia – once called a 'brother'. But brothers grow up; bonds become looser and sometimes are severed altogether. The fight continues and for many who took up the fight; that battle continues away from the front-line. This season, What's On wants to give back and make it clear that wherever someone is working to defend this country, we stand with you! More importantly those who sacrificed, soldiers and civilians, we salute and support you in a country still not fully sure how to support veterans or displaced people alike.

SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY

"The defenders stood firm, the concrete gave in." This now oft' quoted line closes Ukrainian filmmaker Leonid Kanter's acclaimed 2015 documentary *The Ukrainians*, which charts the formation of the volunteer battalion he joined, from revolution in the depths of winter 2013-14 to becoming among the defenders of Donetsk Airport in the Russian-led war that followed. The concrete refers to the airport, and while they stood to the end, seven of the men featured lost their lives. This June, Kanter too lost his life, to suicide.

HOW?

The 36-year-old's death represents a wider picture of the scars of war, not physical but psychological. Kyiv-born Kanter was described by all who knew him as energetic, free-spirited, a modern-day hippie-like figure – the father of two daughters and a son was one of the founders of the Obyrok art-village in the Chernihiv oblast, moving there in 2007. There he



organised art and culture festivals, including Mother Africa – designed to combat racist attitudes and promote African culture, and Bread – a festival where participants gathered to make, as the name suggests, bread. Beyond this, his film career was promising, as his short body of work attests to.

The Ukrainians continues to be one of the most poignant studies of the volun-

teer movement, but his dedication to the subject did not stop there. His award-winning follow-up feature *Myth* profiles Vasyl Slipak, the charismatic Ukrainian-born baritone who left behind his career with the Parisian Opera to fight in Luhansk, where he was killed in action. Kanter researched Slipak's life over the span of a year, digging up performance footage and interviewing anyone who knew Slipak from his conservatory days in Lviv to his final breaths on the front line to uncover why he decided to devote himself to the same fight he himself had been devoted to. He would tour the European and North American film festival circuits with the film prior to its general release in March.

LEGACY

His next work promised to offer lighter fare, *The Man With the Stool*, which is based on his pre-war adventures of travel with his ex-wife, first daughter, and friends to deliver four kitchen stools to the coastlines of four of the world's largest oceans. It was in post-production when something inside Kanter snapped.

Just days after leading documentary filmmaking workshops in Kyiv, Kanter returned to Obyrok. On 4 June he laid a carpet on the floor of a 3 cubic metre tank on his property and shot himself. According to police, he stated, in the notes he had left, that he had done all he could for Ukraine and had prepared his death in such a way so as not to taint the soil of his beloved motherland with his blood. *The Man With the Stool* has been re-edited in the wake of his death to reflect and pay tribute to his service and work during the war and as tacit acknowledgment of the psychological trauma he was dealing with but never spoke of. It is scheduled to be released this winter with a date yet to be set.

Check out the trailer for *The Man With the Stool*:



Loss. Light. Hope.

LIGHT

Nina Bohush

A calling. A sense of duty. An obligation. From the volunteers to those mobilised. Defending Ukraine is a reality none of these men and women bargained for. This season, as those in relatively peaceful areas of the country celebrate Christmas and New Year or New Year then Christmas, there are people determined or obligated to make that peace happen. For them this is no holiday. The reality of the situation in the east of Ukraine is that this is no sophisticated “Desert Storm” aerial war-type operation. It is trench warfare; something rarely seen since WWI. The goal is singular. Protect Ukrainian land.

A CALL TO ARMS

When 50-year-old Ivan heard what had happened in Crimea in March of 2014, he went to the nearest military recruitment office to “ask whether they needed any help”. The office chief didn’t have a clear answer to this question. However, he promised to look at Ivan’s military records and get in touch if necessary.

THE CALL COMES

A year later, in March 2015, Ivan received a call from the recruitment office. He was invited to come by and clarify some information about his “military profile”. Ivan showed up immediately. A few hours later he came back home and told his two children and wife “it’s my turn to go...”

As a former Soviet army officer, Ivan took a squadron with 120 soldiers under his command. He remembers his military service in Donbas with pain on his face. “There were lots of brave men, young patriots ready to give their life for the name of Ukraine. So many of them died,” he says.

It was Ivan and his squadron who bore the brunt of a battle near Kurdiuivka village, one of the epicenters of the war in 2015. The officer looks back at those days with regret: Ukrainian troops were not allowed to shoot in response. “We were sitting in trenches and hiding, while Russians were shooting us. All we wanted to do was stand up and fight, but we couldn’t disobey the ceasefire order that was in place at the time.”

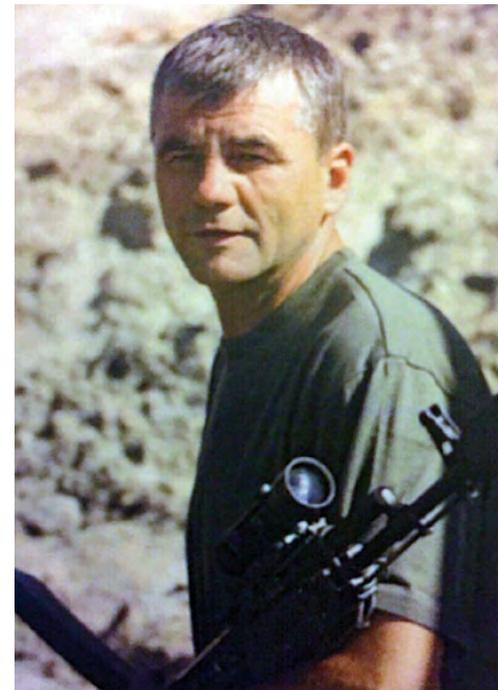
After 16 months in Donbas, he came back home, safe and almost sound. At 54



he looks fit. His boyish face contrasts with his gray hair. Even though Ivan speaks with confidence, it sometimes seems he is far away from where he physically is. Distracted. “Not everyone should go to the war. I think we should do what we can do best, and do this for our country. Those, who can write, should write. Those, who are good at science, should do science. I know how to fight, so I went to the war.”

LINGERING MEMORIES

Ivan learned “how to fight” when he was serving as a soldier in the Soviet army. At the age of 17, just two months after his conscription, he was relocated from Khmelnytskyi to Tashkent. It was the third year of the Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989). After a short term training, Ivan and other former schoolboys touched down in a true-life hell. When Ivan talks about war, it’s sometimes hard to understand whether his mind is



walking through 1982 or 2015. The time spent in Donbas has not only left deep scars on his life, but it also opened old wounds.

“We all thought that the fact that we got together and came there would be enough to end the war. Unfortunately, it wasn’t. I wish I could do more,” Ivan adds, and lets out a deep sigh.

CONCLUSION

“My name is Nina. I have been part of the What’s On team since the magazine re-launched. Ivan is my father-in-law.”

Loss. Light. Hope.

HOPE

Anna Azarova



Hope. For many, particularly volunteers, the war in eastern Ukraine provided a sense of purpose they might have lacked before. Coming home is a different matter; there are readjustments to be made. There is perhaps not the reception or support they anticipated. For some it is a struggle, for others it sparks a renewed determination, and this time of year all those feelings become more acute. However, for the determined they made a mark and they paid a price. They are determined to be heard. And they are doing so on a stage where the whole world can see: the Invictus Games.

TESTED. CHALLENGED. UNCONQUERED

Rehabilitation through sport – this is the cause the Invictus (Latin for unconquered) Games pursues on a global scale. Launched by the UK's Prince Harry four years ago, the event enables wounded or sick service personnel to take part in sport. Ukraine's national team – whose members are those who fought in the country's eastern regions – brought 14 medals home from Toronto, Canada in 2017. In October 2018, they travelled to Sydney to win 20 medals – seven gold, 10 silver, and three bronze.

"Team Ukraine 2018 comprises 15 veterans. They represent the Armed Forces, Internal Affairs Ministry, Security Service, National Guard, National Police, State Border Guard Service and volunteer formations," explains Kyiv-born Serhii Ilnytskyi, a 48-year-old retired colo-

nel, the Team Ukraine captain, and gold medallist in indoor rowing. "In Sydney, Ukraine's brilliant results proved we are strong," he says.

When Russia unleashed its aggression against Ukraine in 2014, Ilnytskyi joined the Ukrainian Volunteer Army – together with his 22-year-old son. A chief of staff, Ilnytskyi is engaged in the Joint Forces Operations on the frontline to date.

"Even in the combat zone, our guys continue to train. Physical exercise and humour relieve stress and remove negative energy," says Ilnytskyi. "Alas, Ukraine has no general state-supported rehabilitation programme for those coming home from war. There are only initiatives like the Invictus Games."

A HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE

"Drugs and alcohol don't do any good. Sport can be a way out for injured soldiers," chimes in Chernihiv-born Oleksandr Havrylenko, a 30-year-old police staff sergeant, father of a two-year-old daughter, and gold medallist in powerlifting.

Havrylenko suffered mine shrapnel wounds to his back and neck near Chornukhine village in 2015 when Ukrainian troops were withdrawing from Debaltsevo. "It was the most dangerous out of my four rotations. After treatment, I returned to my job, which also helped me get back on my feet," explains Havrylenko.

"Owing to the project, I regained self-confidence and achieved many personal victories," says Oleksandr Zozuliak, a silver medallist in archery. He lost his left hand

in January 2015. "A tank twice ran over me and pressed me down as I was in a trench. Doctors said my state would never improve. I persuaded myself that things would change and started working on myself."

"Soldiers have fulfilled their duty, and they can still represent their country, just in a sports arena," adds Havrylenko.

RENEWED PURPOSE

"It was a challenge for me to practice archery with one hand. Within half a year I was able to shoot 300 times in just one work-out," Zozuliak says. Now he thinks about pursuing a Paralympic career.

"I have lifted 177 kg," explains Havrylenko. "And I plan to set a new 200 kg record for the 2022 Invictus Games."

Sydney brought together 18 nations. Russia is denied participation since only non-conflicting countries can join the club. Ilnytskyi says, "Our mission is to make the world see there is a war in Ukraine, dragging into its fifth year. During the competition, Ukraine was the only country invited to the Australian Parliament where our delegates, myself included, delivered a speech."

The initiative is not about fighting for medals. It generates a wider respect for wounded service staff and inspires the international veteran community to get together and set an example for others.

Hague, the Netherlands, hosts the 2020 games. For more information about Ukraine's involvement: invictusgames.in.ua

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Nina Bohush

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A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE

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TWO FRIENDS AND AN AIRBED

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BEING A SUPERHOST IN KYIV

Airbnb is always looking for local residents to join their community as hosts. And Kyiv citizens can benefit from this the most. Kyiv's vibrant music scene, sporting events, and even old Soviet history attract tourists from all over the world. Many use Airbnb to experience an inclu-

sive stay in Ukraine. And for the host, Airbnb is a unique way to meet outstanding people and practice languages without leaving home.

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Olha, Picasso's Wife

by Tetyana Sydorenko

How many women did the great Pablo Picasso have a relationship with? How many of them did he love or hate? Does quantity matter after all when it comes to his first official wife – ballet dancer Olha Khokhlova? She gave birth to his first son and inspired the father of cubism to pursue a 'classical period' in his art. July 2018 marks the 100-year anniversary of the wedding day that started their 18-year marriage.

Khokhlova was one of five children born into a noble family living in Nizhyn, a present-day Ukrainian city in the Chernihiv oblast. Her father Stepan Khokhlov served in the Russian army, and her mother, Lydia Zinchenko, was Ukrainian. At some point, they all moved to St Petersburg where Khokhlova began to learn French. At the age of 14 she started taking ballet classes. It was quite late; however the girl's perseverance helped her join Serge Diaghilev's legendary Ballets Russes.

Rome, 1917. While working on his avant-garde performance *Parade*, Diaghilev commissioned Picasso to design the stage set and costumes. The 36-year-old hot-blooded Spaniard – an experimenter and rebel on the threshold of worldwide fame – was already notorious for multiple affairs with models and women of easy virtue. Yet Khokhlova was unlike all damsels Picasso was wont to spend his time with. Infatuated and intrigued, he did all his best to win her heart. Eventually, the subtle aristocratic girl with impeccable manners and refined facial features yielded to his persistent wooing.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

For more than a century, Ukrainian-born Olha Khokhlova from ancient Nizhyn, a former centre of Cossack regiments and Hetmanate's main impact force, was touted as a Russian wife and Russian muse of a world-known genius. Finally, Tetyana Sydorenko corrects historical injustice and corrects the record. This famous Ukrainian journalist, scientist, and author of 10 novels, reveals the truth about her fellow hometown girl: the ballet dancer has been re-introduced in her own country where she can be duly honoured.



Vagonovojatyje Returns

On 25 October, Vagonovojatyje dropped its first single after a long period of silence, *Human Weaknesses* and now the album *Reference* is available on online platforms.

Vagonovojatyje chose an unusual method of promotion for the new album – posters with cryptic quotations appeared in the centre of Kyiv: They form just some of the lyrics in Anton Slyepakov's newest release, *Reference*; the result of observations on society, and relevant to the here and now. The album turned out to be conceptual and holistic. It starts with a track entitled *Brief*, and ends with *Pricelist*, where texts are imbued with serious sarcasm and irony regarding modern man, especially his affect on the creative sphere.



A live presentation will be held on
16 December at Atlas.

For more information follow this QR-code:



Petrykivka Tree Ornaments

Looking for the perfect traditional touch to celebrate the culture-laden Ukrainian holiday season, why not pick up some Petrykivka tree ornaments? Featuring bright colours in distinctive floral designs, these wooden ornaments are among Ukraine's

most recognisable cultural symbols. In fact, Ukraine's Petrykivka art form is a registered trademark and even recognised by UNESCO.

You'll be able to choose from different colours, designs, and even ornament shapes. An angel? A bulb? A horse? Or even a Christmas stocking? Just find the one that's right for your loved one and they're sure to be in for an unforgettable gift experience.

As a definitive national product, you won't have any problems finding the ornaments. Check out Kyiv's famed souvenir market on Andriyivskiy Uzviz, the Folkmart on Khreshchatyk, or just about any Christmas market in Ukraine. Or, if you want a truly Ukrainian experience, head out to the village of Petrykivka near Dnipro and make one for yourself! Add a bit of traditional Ukrainian charm to everyone's Christmas tree this holiday season by picking up your own collection of Petrykivka Christmas ornaments!

It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas...

Anna Romanchuk

OUR TOP-10 CHRISTMAS FLICKS

From traditional festive fare to a darker take on the holiday season, pop some corn, put your feet up, and just enjoy these holiday hits.

- It's A Wonderful Life** (1946)
- Meet Me In St. Louis** (1944)
- Miracle On 34th Street** (1947)
- Home Alone** (1990)
- The Family Stone** (2005)
- The Holiday** (2006)
- While You Were Sleeping** (1995)
- Happy Christmas** (2014)
- A Christmas Tale** (2008)
- Eyes Wide Shut** (1999)



Having trouble locating the very best places to find gifts? Look no further...

MINISO UKRAINE

Looking for last minute gift ideas? This store combines a huge number of ideas for any gift, from amazing soft toys to technological accessories. You should be prepared to spend at least an hour here, it's just impossible to leave empty-handed.

📍 Khreshchatyk 29/1

VSI.SVOI HOME AND DÉCOR

There are nearly 150 brands from Ukraine showcased here, which provide everything you need to make your home extra cosy through winter. Across 500 m2, all items found here are made from natural materials, including wood, wool, hemp, linen, metal, marble, porcelain, and ceramic. It's a one-stop shop for home textiles and decor, in which you can find a gift for even the most demanding home decorating.

📍 Khreshchatyk 34

UA MADE

This is the largest store of its kind for all manner of Ukrainian-made goods, thanks to its online presence. A popular novelty this year is gift boxes – and here you can find gifts for any occasion and budget, as well as build your own gift set from a huge range of products. All products are exclusively from Ukrainian manufacturers, and the range is to be seen to believed.

🌐 uamade.ua

Head out of the house and enjoy some fun in the snow



ZYMOVA KRAINA FESTIVAL

📍 Expocentre of Ukraine (Hlushkova 1)

📅 8 December – 10 March

By purchasing a comprehensive ticket to this beautiful winterland you can spend an unforgettable day in a realm of holiday entertainment! Meet your favorite fairytale characters and try out the park's most popular entertainment. Enjoy the city's largest skating rink in the city, take a thrilling rollercoaster ride, visit Santa Claus' Ukrainian dacha, browse the festive fair, take in a show at the puppet theatre or visit the Planet Butterflies tropical farm. There will also be a special series of cinema shows and quests, the "Country of Robots", a gallery of 3D paintings, and a rope park in the trees. You can be sure, regardless of age, all visitors to the park will leave with a smile on their dial.

📍 from 110 UAH

🌐 vdng.ua

ICE AGE FESTIVAL

📍 Spivochke Pole (Lavrska 33)

📅 15 December – 30 January

A large-scale New Year festival will take place in Kyiv at the Spivochke Pole, where Kyiv residents and city guests alike will enjoy a grand amount of entertainment and attractions! Ice Age opens with an exhibition of flower arrangements in ice and snow figures, with snow slides as another fun feature for both kids and adults! Those for the big kids have a run of 70 metres, while the smaller in size will enjoy and nice quick 30-metre slide. Make sure you find time to visit the cute and fluffy puppies from Artic breeds such as Samoyed, Husky, Like, and Balamut at the petting zoo!

📍 from 50 UAH

📱 spivochepole



THE WO HOLIDAY PLAYLIST

The best ever selection of holiday favourites right in one playlist.

Sick of Wizzard, Slade, and Mariah Carey? Well tastes vary and the What's On team is representative of that. Love or loathe them, Christmas songs are a big part of the festive period – and so they should be. With that in mind, we wanted to give you something special this year, so we've prepared a festive playlist with all the top songs for the best New Year celebration or warm and cosy family evening. With love from WO team, use the QR-code to have a listen:



Murder, Betrayal, and a Global Hit

Lee Reaney

THE UNREAL STORY OF HOW UKRAINE'S 'BACH' BROUGHT CAROL OF THE BELLS TO THE WORLD

You surely know this Christmas tune: you might have heard it in movies like *Home Alone* or *The Santa Claus*. Or maybe it was on the radio – after all, it was one of the Top 10 most-streamed Christmas songs in the US last year. Perhaps you even know that it was composed by a Ukrainian patriot Mykola Leontyvych. But do you know the story behind the song is filled with murder, betrayal, and a fight for independence?

TRADITIONAL ROOTS

While Leontyvych arranged the well-known musical version of the song we know today, he based it on a traditional folk chant that supposedly predates Christianity. Known as 'Shchedryk' (Bountiful Evening), the Ukrainian lyrics tell of a swallow that flies into a house and sings of the wealth and prosperity that is coming. The song heralds the rebirth of earth and the coming of



spring, which is why it's sung at New Year in Ukraine – not Christmas.

The song found international popularity when performed by the Ukrainian National Chorus to a sold-out Carnegie Hall in New York in 1921. English lyrics

were added by NBC's Peter Wilhousky in 1936 and the song became a staple of holiday advertising, with over 150 arrangements of the tune in the last decade alone in virtually every musical style.

STIRRINGS AT HOME

What most people don't know about the genesis of the tune is it was composed during a time of great upheaval in Ukraine. When he first started composing his mega hit, Leontyvych had been sent back to his home oblast of Vinnytsia for supporting workers during the 1905 Russian Revolution. It was there the conductor of the Ukrainian Republic Choir (Oleksandr Koshyts) asked him to create a song based on Ukrainian folk music. Shchedryk was first played at the Kyiv University in 1916 to great acclaim, making Leontyvych a well-known figure when the Ukrainian People's Republic was proclaimed just six months later. During this short period of time of early independence, Leontyvych was instrumental in helping form Ukrainian cultural entities such as the Ukrainian



State Orchestra and the Ukrainian National Chorus (the same that would later popularise the hit internationally) to promote Ukrainian culture abroad. This made him a target when the Bolsheviks retook Kyiv in 1919.

PERSECUTION

Leontyvych was forced to again leave Kyiv and move back to Vinnytsia. There he founded the first music school in Turchyn and began work on his first opera. He worried about his security and even had papers to stay in Romania while touring abroad with the Ukrainian National Chorus. He decided to spend Christmas Day in 1921 with his family and a colleague, an undercover Chekist (Soviet State Security) officer named Afanasy Grishchenko. After the celebrations, Grishchenko was invited to stay over and share a room with Leontyvych. The officer shot Leontyvych at dawn, robbing his family and leaving the composer to die of blood loss a few hours later. The man paid with his life to promote Ukrainian culture abroad, making him one of Ukraine's earliest patriots and martyrs.

Soviet Stamps

Lee Reaney

STAMPS ARE HARMLESS, WE'RE TAUGHT. FROM A YOUNG AGE, WE'RE GIVEN THEM AS TOYS TO DECORATE EVERYTHING FROM CHRISTMAS CARDS TO UNSUSPECTING KITTIES. HOWEVER, STAMPS IN UKRAINE ARE FAR MORE DANGEROUS.

Of course, I'm talking about the ubiquitous 'pechatka'; a Soviet relic that offers a daily reminder of the dreaded Soviet-era bureaucracy. You will have encountered the pechatka if you've ever had to do anything official. Or unofficial. It's that circular stamp attached to damn near any written document. And it wields an uncanny power over the Ukrainian people, because your document simply isn't valid if there is no stamp.



STAMP OF APPROVAL

I'm reminded of a time observing an election a few years ago. The election committee's stamp, which was supposed to be locked away in the safe, was discovered to be at the committee president's home. The committee wanted to send her home to retrieve it but couldn't make an 'official' decision – because they couldn't stamp it!

WE WAITED THREE HOURS

It's not just for government documents either. Ever wonder why your menu pages are adorned with a pechatka? Us too.

Ukrainian businesses often make their own stamps. Not because they're required, just to make their own document look more official.

TRY IT YOURSELF

One hundred and fifty UAH and 30 minutes later and you too could enjoy your own stamp that will wow and amaze your Ukrainian friends into thinking that anything you make is official. Try it on your recipe cards, your post-it notes, or even to certify your love on a card to your special guy/gal. Remember – it's simply not official if it doesn't have 'the stamp'.

Think we're exaggerating? Remember when exiled former President Yanukovich revoked the licences of 590 Crimean prosecutors from his home in Russia? Ukraine's State Prosecutor (Yuriy Lutsenko) politely reminded him that his decision was invalid because it lacked the required pechatka.

As Ukraine moves past its paper-based economy into the modern world of plastic cards, holograms, and watermarks, perhaps there's hope yet that this terrible little stamp will also find itself in exile.



WHAT'S ON
Radisson BLU
 HOTEL KYIV

Holiday Toy Drive What's On Needs You!

In troubled times for Ukraine, this Christmas and New Year may not be so merry or happy for many people – particularly the children of Internally Displaced People. We have joined forces with the Radisson Blu Hotel in Kyiv and with the NGO Vostok SOS, to help ensure children are not left empty handed these holidays.

So, with your kids getting loads of new toys, how about donating some of their old toys?

On 6 January, from 12:00, children who are from IDP families will be hosted at a special reception at the Radisson Blu to choose new toys!

*It really is that simple!
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Italian from Beirut

Anna Azarova

BOLD BUT BALANCED. OPPOSITE BUT EQUAL. THIS IS HOW TWO DIFFERENT TRADITIONS – ITALIAN AND LEBANESE – COME TOGETHER TO FORM A HAPPY MARRIAGE. THIS IS HOW TWO SEPARATE NOVELS GET MERGED INTO A TALE FULL OF GASTRONOMIC DISCOVERIES

A new dining spot bears a distinctive name – Italian from Beirut. It lurks in a small lane in Podil near Hub 4.0 famous for its conference facilities. The restaurant ideally suits those working nearby. However, it offers much more than just convenience.

COLLABORATION OF CULTURES

The concept spins around the chef Dali, who has Italian roots but spent many years in Lebanon. With two cuisines close to his heart, he could not bear to say farewell to either of them. Instead, he has them collaborate with each other.

This is apparent in the design. A light warm pallet showcases brown hues with beige and ivory being dominant colours. Plenty of natural wood enhances a feeling of comfort and ease.

Bright accents highlight a mix of two cultures. A long narrow space, large motley woven pictures, forged metal elements, and oriental motifs symbolise Beirut. The walls are adorned with a poem, written in Middle Eastern-inspired lettering though initially created by an Italian poet. He describes an ancient town resembling Podil.

Simple but stylish furniture, chairs with green-and-red floral prints, and potted plants invoke memories of sunny Italy. Our attention swerves to a large oblong table in the middle of the central zone. It can easily accommodate a large group of guests or sev-



MAKE SURE YOU TRY

- Frittata with Kofta Kebab* 99 UAH
- Beirut Chicken with fried potatoes, a bagel and garlic sauce* 255 UAH



EDIBLE INVENTORY

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Meze Set (<i>eight snacks</i>) | 195 UAH |
| Pizzetta with Kebab | 169 UAH |
| Signature Kebab | 169 UAH |
| Mount Hermon Yarden (<i>150 ml</i>) | 132 UAH |
| Saffron Cocktail | 139 UAH |
| Beirut Cocktail | 149 UAH |

TOTAL 953 UAH

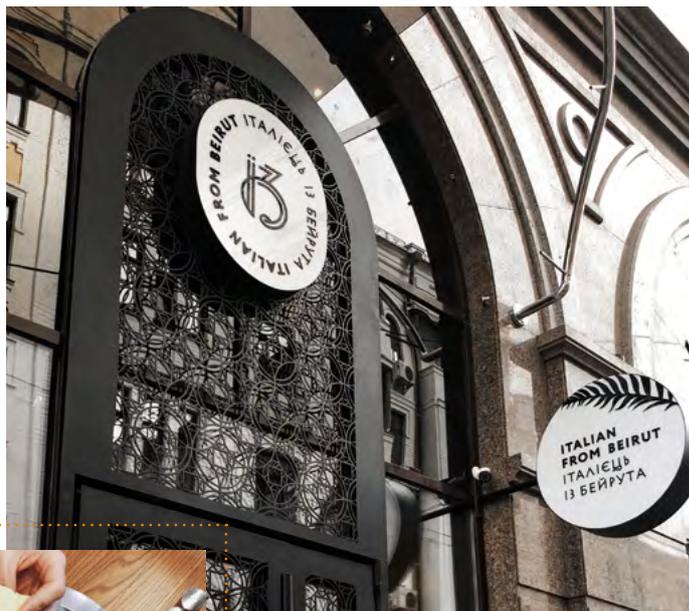
eral couples. Ceiling lights shaped as smart glass jars are the finishing touch, but we are here to whet our appetite.

WHEN IN ROME AND BEIRUT

We order a meze set, and shortly a server brings us a platter comprising eight appetizers garnished with grissini and dry crackers. The assortment includes pickled cucumbers and olives to start.

Then we help ourselves to salads. As well as Caprese – something you can't imagine Italy without – we enjoy Lebanese Tabbouleh. A healthy low fat starter combining fresh red tomatoes, fine grain bulgur, and lots of parsley.

We move on to take part in a parade of dips. The first one is Hummus, popular in the Middle East, Mediterranean, and North African areas. The rich nourishing smooth-textured spread comes in two varieties, classic chickpea and a green-tinted avocado alternative. Both options are great.



Baba Ganoush is a piquant vegetable puree made out of eggplant, sweet red pepper, and onion and intensified with spices. Labneh shines as a pearl in this collection. This thick, tangy homemade cheese tastes somewhere between sour cream and yogurt.

MEET MEAT

There is no substitute for a good piece of meat. In the spotlight, Kebab is a guest star in many recipes here. We choose two. Pizzetta with tomatoes, mozzarella, and mini-kebabs blends flavours of two countries into seamless deliciously zesty harmony. To enhance the effect, we indulge in the Signature Kebab featuring nicely chopped beef and lamb cooked on an in-house grill. The texture is a pleasant bite – not mushy, yet juicy and succulent – with a vivid charred note.

The cocktail menu is eye-catching, and we round off our feast with original and sumptuous concoctions savoured without straws. Saffron is an exquisitely refreshing multi-layered must-drink. Beirut is a strong powerful beverage with a deep velvety aftertaste of Cayenne pepper reminiscent of a rainbow-coloured carpet displayed at a bazar.

The Italy-Lebanon partnership reaches its climax in breakfasts offered here all day long. Is there anything missing? Right, a summer terrace in an inner yard. It will be open when the weather grows milder.

THE WHAT'S ON CHECKLIST

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| English Menu | <i>To be launched</i> |
| English-speaking staff | ✓ |
| Wifi | ✓ |
| Price | \$\$ |
| WO Rating | ★★★★☆ |

Italian From Beirut

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- 🕒 3/4 10:00 – 23:00
- 📱 ItalianFromBeirut
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What's In Focus



CELEBRATING BOHDAN HAWRYLYSHYN

On **14 November**, the first Charity Gala Dinner and Silent Auction of the Bohdan Hawrylyshyn Family Foundation took place in Kyiv. The purpose of the event was to support programmes for youth launched by Dr Bohdan Hawrylyshyn in 2012, a world-known economist and scientist, outstanding Ukrainian patriot, and global visionary. The event brought together national and international leaders, well-known personalities, business representatives, and diplomats, cultural figures, and young leaders from the foundations' programs, in an warm, like-minded, and generous atmosphere.



BELGIUM MEETS UKRAINE

On **15 November**, distinguished Belgian nationals, along with their friends and compatriots in Ukraine, came together at the National Philharmonic to enjoy the classical stylings of a Ukrainian-Belgian team – the Blumenfeld Piano Duo. The occasion Belgian King's Day – a memorable and classy event, with HE Mr Alex Lenaerts at the helm.



Photos c/o Olexandr Avramenko and Kirill Nazipov



EXCLUSIVE PARTY

14 November marked the grand opening of 11 Mirrors Rooftop Restaurant and a World Class Bar. Many celebrities turned up at 11 Mirrors Design Hotel to attend the stylish party hosted by the two founders and originals – Vladimir Klitschko and Ruslan Oleksenko.

Sprawling over the whole 11th floor, the new rooftop space offers an elevated – in all senses – dining experience and handcrafted signature cocktails with a mesmerising skyline view over the historical city centre. The restaurant's menu boasts refined versions of European dishes fused with contemporary Ukrainian cuisine and a touch of piquant Pan-Asian flavour.



AGENTS OF CHANGE

On **13 November**, the Hilton Hotel saw a number of 'Agents of Change' upon its doorstep. The fifth annual forum, organised by Nobles Fortune and Deloitte, brought together more than 600 leaders of business and public opinion who took part in five open discussions on current topics, two soft skills master classes, and a crash course from Stanford. Among the more notable speakers were Aivaras Abromavicius, ex-Minister of Economy of Ukraine, and Andriy Kobolev, head of the board of NAK Naftogaz Ukraine.



What's In Focus



CHRISTMAS CHEER

All three floors of NSC Olimpiyskiy were filled with a tangible Christmas spirit and multicultural atmosphere on **8 December** as the International Women's Club of Kyiv opened the doors to their annual Christmas bazaar. This year, among the 42 embassies participating, more than 2 000 volunteers joined forces to raise 3 303 000 UAH. President Valerie Stulikova says, "It is important to do meaningful things in life, and the IWCK Charity Bazaar definitely is one of them! It is an event where we share our cultures and through our work we are able to raise important money for charity."





FESTIVE NETWORKING
 The international business community let the festivities roll on **8 December** as The Big Meet gathered at Sanpaolo restaurant. Guests at the event enjoyed a jolly evening of drinks and networking around the Christmas tree. Make sure you find time to join them for the next 'big' event – you won't regret it.



GIVING THANKS

Thanksgiving is the most heartwarming of holidays throughout the year. It's all about good vibes, positive emotions, and genuine gratitude. On **17 November**, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine united Chamber members at the Hilton Hotel for their fourth annual Thanksgiving dinner. Guests enjoyed this special evening with an authentic holiday meal and turkey parade, wonderful performances, and great networking with fellow Chamber members, partners, officials, as well as the diplomatic community.



Sector H

Frenchie (*Sichovykh Striltsiv 10*)
 Like a local wine bar (*Sichovykh Striltsiv 26*)
 Reni (*Sichovykh Striltsiv 60*)

Sector J

Alphavito hotel (*Predslavynska 35d*)
 Lounge bar Мантра (*V. Vasyliivska 5*)
 Laky Pub (*V. Vasyliivska 13*)
 Under Wonder (*V. Vasyliivska 21*)
 Tolstoy (*V. Vasyliivska 19*)
 Bierstube (*V. Vasyliivska 20*)
 Mama Manana (*V. Vasyliivska 44*)
 Alfaro (*V. Vasyliivska 49*)
 Druzi Cafe (*V. Vasyliivska 49a*)
 Rooster Grill Bar (*V. Vasyliivska 68*)
 Manu (*V. Vasyliivska 94*)
 Amster Damster (*V. Vasyliivska 111/113*)
 Mayami Bluz (*V. Vasyliivska 114*)

Sector K

Shlyapa (*Antonovycha 14*)
 Perfe (*Antonovycha 14a*)
 Holiday Inn hotel (*Antonovycha 79*)
 Normal (*Antonovycha 81*)
 Kyiv President hotel (*Hospitalna 12*)
 Rus hotel (*Hospitalna 4*)
 Belle Vue Belgian Beer Cafe (*Saksahanskogo 7*)
 Yabloko (*Saksahanskoho 39/41*)
 Dos Amigos (*Saksahanskoho 51/87*)
 Sam's Steak House (*Zhylyanska 37*)
 Steak House Goodman (*Zhylyanska 75*)

Sector L

Balveder (*Dniproviskyi Descent 1*)
 Park Cafe (*Mazepi 11a*)
 Shooters (*Moskovska 22*)
 Veranda na Dnipro (*Naberezhne shose 11a*)

Sector M

FRAT Social Club (*Evgena Konovaltsya 36d*)
 La Casa Del Habano (*Klovskyi Descent 13*)
 Almondo Night Party Bar (*Lesi Ukrainky bul. 34*)
 Amber (*Lesi Ukrainky bul. 30a*)
 Kazbek (*Lesi Ukrainky bul. 30a*)
 Napule (*Mechynkova 9*)
 O' CAFE (*Mechynkova 9*)
 Si (*Mechynkova 9*)
 Gorchitsa (*Pylypa Orlyka 6*)

Sector N

LKafa (*Chokolivskiy bul. 11*)
 Cosmopolite hotel (*Vadyma Getmana 6*)
 IQ hotel (*Vadyma Getmana 6*)

**Sector E**

Outpub (*Dmytrivska 18/24*)
 Belmondo (*Hogolivska 17*)
 Varvar Cafe (*Saksahanskoho 108/16*)
 Carribean Club (*Symona Petlyury 4*)
 La Vaca Tapas (*Symona Petlyury 6*)
 IBIS hotel (*Polzunova 6*)

Sector F

O'Brien's Irish Pub (*Mylhailivska 17*)
 HYATT hotel (*Tarasovoyi 5*)
 Pauz Cafe (*Sofivska 5*)
 Whisky Corner (*Sofivska 16/16*)
 Knyazhyi grad (*V. Zhytomyrska 2*)
 InterContinental hotel (*V. Zhytomyrska 2a*)

Sector G

Druzi Cafe (*Andriivskiy Descent 2d*)
 Kanapa (*Andriivskiy Descent 19a*)
 Kanapka Bar (*Andriivskiy Descent 30a*)
 De Pari (*Andriivskiy Descent 34e*)
 Radisson Blu hotel (*Bratska 17/19*)
 Piano Cafe (*Kontraktova Ploshcha 4*)
 FREEDOM Club Event Hall (*Kyrylivska 134*)
 Lumberjack barbershop (*Nyzhniy Val 15*)
 Bar Dom (*Sagaidachnoho 10/5a*)
 Riviera hotel (*Sagaidachnoho 15*)
 Impresa hotel (*Sagaidachnoho 21*)
 Tuks (*Sagaidachnoho 31*)
 Tarantino Grill & Wine Bar (*Sagaidachnoho 35*)

Fairmont hotel (*Naberezhno Hreshchatytska 1a*)
 Savazh Closer cafe (*Nyzhniyukivska 31*)
 Barcode (*Nyzhniy Val 17*)
 Call me cacao (*Nyzhniy Val 35*)
 To be (*Vertniy Val 2a*)
 Habana Restaurant (*Vertniy Val 24*)
 Lubchik (*Vozdvyzhenska 10b*)
 Ohota na ovec (*Vozdvyzhenska 10b*)
 Pybalove (*Vozdvyzhenska 21-23*)
 Vozdnyzhensky hotel (*Vozdvyzhenska 60*)
 Deficit (*Yaroslaviy Val 9*)
 Radisson hotel (*Yaroslaviy Val 24*)
 Paul (*Yaroslaviy Val 26*)
 Golden Gate (*Yaroslaviy Val 33e*)

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Where to find What's On

Sector A

Smorrebrod (*Horodetskogo 4*)
Vatra (*Horodetskogo 4b*)
Fellini (*Horodetskogo 5*)
Chaikof (*Horodetskogo 8/4*)
Public café (*Khreshchatyk 1/2*)
Dnipro hotel (*Khreshchatyk 1/2*)
Chicken Kyiv (*Khreshchatyk 15*)
Mocco (*Khreshchatyk 15*)
Dom Kofe Passage (*Khreshchatyk 15*)
La Forchetta (*Khreshchatyk 16*)
Bochka (*Khreshchatyk 19a*)
Moon Lounge Bar (*Khreshchatyk 24*)
Shato (*Khreshchatyk 24a*)
Hangover (*Hrushevskogo 3*)
Pache (*Kostyolna 3*)
Tre's Francois (*Kostyolna 3*)
Druzi Cafe (*Prorizna 3/5*)
Baraban (*Prorizna 4a*)
Sunduk Pub (*Prorizna 22*)
Senator Maidan hotel (*Shevchenka ave 8a*)

Sector B

Biancoro (*Baseina 4*)
Porto Franco (*Baseina 4*)
Traktyr na Baseyniy (*Baseina 2*)
Beer house (*Baseina 2a*)
Bar Sklad (*Besarabska Ploshcha 2*)
Aloft hotel (*Esplanadna 17*)
Babai Bar (*Pushkinska 2*)
Gastro Bar #7 (*Pushkinska 9a*)
KO & KO bar (*Pushkinska 11*)
ProRock (*Pushkinska 32*)
Antwerpen (*Pushkinska 38*)
Podshoffe Brasserie (*Pushkinska 45/2*)
Terracotta (*Shevchenka bulv. 57/29*)
Premiere Palace hotel (*Shevchenka bulv. 57/29*)
Hinkalli (*Shota Rustaveli 4*)
Beef (*Shota Rustaveli 11*)
Alchemist Bar (*Shota Rustaveli 12*)
De Bosch (*Shota Rustaveli 12*)
Maral bar (*Shota Rustaveli 15a*)
Cafe L' etage (*Shota Rustaveli 16*)

Sector C

Ikra (*Honchara 67*)
Naturlikh (*Hmelnytskoho 3*)
INK (*Hmelnytskoho 17/52*)
7 pyatnych' (*Hmelnytskoho 29/2*)
Opera hotel (*Hmelnytskoho 53*)
City hotel (*Hmelnytskoho 56*)
Pantagruel (*Lysenka 1*)
Spotykach (*Volodymyrska 16*)
Fish market (*Volodymyrska 24a*)
Lemonade (*Volodymyrska 29*)
Le Cosmopolite (*Volodymyrska 47*)
Barkas (*Volodymyrska 49a*)
Golden Gate (*Zolotovoritska 15*)

Sector D

Hedonist bar & kitchen (*Antonovycha 4*)
IBIS hotel (*Shevchenka bulv. 25*)
Hilton hotel (*Shevchenka bulv. 30*)
Chachapuri (*Shevchenka bulv. 36a*)
Sunduk Pub (*Leontovycha 3*)
Like a local wine bar (*Lva Tolstoho 5*)
Dusha Espresso bar (*Lva Tolstoho 39*)
Velur (*Lva Tolstoho 41*)

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