

## A Wintry Weekend Of Hot, New Gigs

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Limp Bizkit playing at the Rock On The Volga festival in 2012. The American band will play in Moscow on Nov. 28. **Dmitry Ruzov / Wikimedia Commons**

It's been a big week, ladies and gents: first snowfall, first frost, first ever designer trunk on Red Square and much more. And if all you're thinking about is holing up at home with some hot drinks and a good book or movie, that's totally fine. But if you're feeling a bit more rebellious and refuse to bow down to the "Age of Endless Winter" that we are entering, I've got some great concerts that you can check out to brighten up your weekend.

Friday is Limp Bizkit fan day in Moscow, because the American nu metal/rap metal band is in town. This is their second visit to our fair capital this year, but this time around the guys are touring the country as well. So if you're a die-hard fan, you can actually follow them on the road — or just catch them here at Stadium Live on Nov. 28. These guys have been around since the '90s, and have since recorded seven studio albums, sold more than 40 million records worldwide and picked up three Grammy nominations. After their hiatus back in 2004, the band has struggled to record tracks that are as popular as most of their older hits, which may be why Limp Bizkit's set list for this tour is focused mostly on their more famous tracks.

However, they are preparing to release a bunch of new tracks, so you may well be treated to a fresh song or two. And if you've ever seen them live, you know Fred Durst and co. put on one incredible show, so it's definitely not a gig you want to miss. Tickets start at 2500 rubles, and the concert starts at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, as always, has plenty to offer: Kosheen will be playing their very popular blend of trip-hop and breakbeat at Stariki Bar, the Club Cult is hosting DJ Young Marco from the Netherlands with a house set, and Solyanka is opening its doors to DJs Goldie and MC Ad from Britain, both ready to raise the roof with some great drum 'n' bass beats. But if the club scene is not quite your thing, there are several other options available. If you're a heavy metal fan, you need to make your way to the Volta Club, as they're hosting a crazy event called Moscow Metal Madness, with loads of European rock and metal bands lined up to perform. If you want something a lot more chilled out, check out Igor Butman's Jazz Club on Chistiye Prudy — they're hosting a jazz festival and Saturday is the final day.

Or you can just head on over to Stadium Live and catch Skillet. They are an American Christian rock band that formed back in the 1990s and have since released six studio albums. In the U.S. alone, the band has sold more than two million records and placed in the top five of the Hardest Working Bands of 2011, based on their relentless touring schedule. Skillet will be taking to the stage at 8 p.m. sharp on Saturday, Nov. 30, and tickets start at 1,200 rubles.

And to round off the weekend, we have Mew, a charismatic Danish alternative rock band known for, among other things, their front man's high-pitched vocals. Despite debates around the genre of music the band performs — fans and critics can't decide whether its indie or progressive — Mew's bass guitarist says they are "the world's only indie stadium band." They are superstars back in their native Denmark and are also getting ready to release their first album in more than five years, after leaving Sony Records and going it alone. So far, only one new single has been released, but Mew did play a few new tracks when they performed in Moscow last summer, so if you're a fan, you probably don't have long to wait for the band's new album. They are performing at Izvestia Hall on Dec. 1; the concert starts at 8 p.m. and ticket prices vary from 1,200 to 2,500 rubles.

And there you have it — a multitude of musical choices! We may be living in Narnia for the next five months, but at least the entertainment options are fabulous. So keep your gloves on and we'll get through winter just fine.

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