

Muchnik's Picks: Mgzavrebi, Moralny Kodeks and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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Mgzavrebi

The weather forecast is promising the first warm weekend of the year and there is a spring in everyone's step. After spending the day sunning in one of Moscow's parks, why not get out and celebrate with a gig in the evening?

Mgzavrebi, a Georgian indie folk band whose name is completely impossible to pronounce, is playing a concert in Moscow on Thursday. Their songs feature a mix of Georgian, Russian and English lyrics and they have been compared to bands like Mumford & Sons and Of Monsters and Men. In truth they play in their own original style.

Yotaspaces. 11 Ulitsa Ordzhonikidze. Metro Leninsky Prospekt. Tickets from 1,500 rubles (\$22). Thurs. at 8 p.m.

Moya Mishel, a rising pop rock star from the Far East, will play two concerts in a row at 16 Tons on Thursday and Friday. Originally from Blagoveschensk, Moya Mishel (My Michelle) was named after the famous Beatles song. Moya Mishel's music oscillates between rock, pop and jazz, sometimes within the same song. Catchy lyrics ("Mom, I'm sorry, this boy and I got chemistry") by the band's leader Tanya Tkachuk ensured Moya Mishel made it to the final of a popular TV show Glavnaya Stsena (Main Stage).

16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro Ulitsa 1905 Goda. Tickets from 1,000 rubles (\$15). Thurs. and Fri. at 8 p.m.



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On Friday you can also check out **Artemiev** at the Mummy Troll Music Bar. Artemiev is Pavel Artemiev, formerly of boyband Kornel. Artemiev became known for his own blend of indie pop with well thought-out lyrics and memorable melodies. He will be playing his own blend of Russian indie pop with catchy tunes and memorable lyrics this Friday.

Mummy Troll Music Bar. 7 Ulitsa Tverskaya. Metro Okhotny Ryad, Teatralnaya. Tickets from 500 rubles (\$7.50). Fri. at 9 p.m.

Mosbrass, one of the best live jazz acts in the city, will be playing a drum show this Friday.

Kitaisky Lyotchik Dzhaoda. 25/1 Lubyansky Proezd. Tickets from 400 rubles (\$6.50). Fri. at 9 p.m.

Moralny Kodeks (Moral Code) has been around for more than 25 years and is fronted by Sergei Mazayev. They released their latest album "Zima" (Winter) about a year ago after a seven-year hiatus. They can afford this luxury since they have enough hits under their belt to sell out any venue.

16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 2,000 (\$30) rubles. At 9 p.m.

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