

# Muchnik's Picks: Monetochka, Pasosh, Billy's Band and More Music in Moscow on the Weekend

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Billy's Band

It's only the beginning of October, but it already feels like the middle of winter. That's Moscow for you! One of the best alternatives to walking outside and fighting the gales is to go to one of the gigs from this week's picks!

**Monetochka** is an Internet sensation from Ekaterinburg that plays what she calls "psychedelic cloud rap." Monetochka writes ironic lyrics about a teenager's life in today's Russia with references to Internet memes, politics and contemporary pop culture.

*Chinatown Café. 25/12 Proyezd Lubyansky. Metro Kitai-Gorod. Tickets from 400 rubles (\$6). Thurs. at 8 p.m.*

### Embed:

**Billy's Band** from St. Petersburg, one of the best blues and jazz bands in the country, will present their brand new album at 16 Tons. Billy's raspy voice and provocative lyrics constitute a unique style that the band members themselves call "alco-jazz." Billy's Band's new album, already their seventh, is entitled "Slegka" ("Just a little bit") and is rather different from their previous work. "Slegka" sounds like something you can hear at a New York jazz club, only in Russian.

*16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 1,500 rubles (\$24). Fri. at 8 p.m.*

### Embed:

**Elektromonteur** is a relatively new Moscow band that's getting ever more popular. Elektromonteur's music has already been compared to the likes of Brian Ferry and Depeche Mode, it's a mix of synth-pop and indie-rock. The lyrics are funny and great to sing along.

*Kerosin Bar. 24 Tverskoy Bulvar. Metro Tverskaya, Pushkinskaya. Tickets 500 rubles (\$8). Fri. at 9 p.m.*

### Embed:

**Pasosh** is a popular punk band playing two concerts at 16 Tons this week, but the one on Thursday has already been sold out. Pasosh means "passport" in Serbian and its front man is Petar Martich, a Muscovite of Serbian descent. Pasosh plays upbeat guitar rock reminiscent of the bands popular in the 1990s like Green Day and Offspring combined with ironic lyrics in Russian.

*16 Tons. 6/1 Ulitsa Presnensky Val. Metro 1905 Goda. Tickets from 400 rubles (\$6). Fri. at 11 p.m.*

### Embed:

Monasterio kicks off a new season of parties at the Konstruktor club in the former Badaevsky beer plant. The opening party's headliner is the well-known techno band

#### **Skudge**

from Sweden. Skudge will play a live concert, using only analogue equipment.

#### **Emmanuel**

from Berlin will play a DJ set along with several prominent musicians from Russia's electronic scene.

*Konstruktor. 12/1 Kutuzovsky Prospekt. Metro Kievskaya. Tickets from 1,000 rubles. Sat. at 8 p.m.*

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