

Russian Cultural Luminaries Read Joyce's 'Ulysses' in Marathon Broadcast

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Follow Leopold Bloom on his odyssey across Dublin – in Russian. **Max Braun / Flickr (CC BY-SA 2.0)**

If you've ever wanted to put your Russian to the test by listening to one of the world's most difficult novels in Russian, today is your lucky day.

Prominent Russian cultural figures are [reading](#) Irish writer James Joyce's famous novel "Ulysses" in a marathon broadcast Tuesday to help raise money for Russian doctors who are fighting the coronavirus.

The charity event, organized by the Voznesensky Cultural Center, will feature readings from actress Yuliya Aug, artist Andrey Bartenev, theatre director Kirill Serebrennikov, journalists Alyona Doletskaya and Anna Narinskaya, film critic Anton Dolin, human rights activist Olga Romanova and more.

During the marathon reading, viewers will be able to donate to the Sozidaniye charity fund, which will send protective equipment and other aid to doctors at Russian hospitals currently battling the coronavirus pandemic.

Bloomsday is celebrated across the globe each year on June 16 in honor of Joyce and his novel, which follows protagonist Leopold Bloom on an odyssey across Dublin on June 16, 1904. Since 1982, Joyce enthusiasts have celebrated Bloomsday with public readings, tours around Dublin, lectures, performances and shows.

The marathon will be live-streamed on [YouTube](#) starting at 12 p.m. Moscow time and can also be re-watched after the event ends.

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