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# Opening Ceremony

*1 October, 2021*

*Friday*

*Russian Pavilion*

A ceremony that will reveal the true depth and hospitality of the Russian soul. The official Opening of the Russian Pavilion will be a chance for our guests to immerse themselves in the tastes, colors, sights and sounds of Russia in a concert program arranged by some of the country's brightest young talents.





# Opera “Rigoletto”, Giuseppe Verdi

*11-12 October, 2021*

*Monday, Tuesday*

*Dubai Opera*

“Rigoletto” is one of the most famous works of Giuseppe Verdi. The performance boldly destroys the operatic clichés that have developed during the production of Rigoletto throughout the years. According to the artistic director of the St. Petersburg Opera Theater Yuri Alexandrov, the court jester is not at all a hunchback, but a sarcastic, intelligent, evil and not at all an old man. The hump and the mask are merely a buffoonish guise that he wears at the Duke’s court. However, moral deformity cannot be shed like a mask. An extraordinary man, forced to endure constant humiliation, he entertains intrigue, willingly taking part in the amusement of his master and his entourage. This project is implemented with St. Petersburg Opera and with the organizational support of the Government of St. Petersburg and the Committee for Culture of St. Petersburg.







# Matreshka Expo Edition

*18 October, 2021*

*Monday*

*Dubai Millineum*

*Amphiteatre, Экспо*

Intending to create a cultural bridge between Russia and the UAE and to unite people all over the world from Moscow to Dubai, the Matreshka Festival has already become a tradition.

This time Victoria Lopyreva, former Miss Russia, will host the festival at Expo. Her goal? To introduce an international audience to traditional Russian folk music and dance — a universal language that needs no translation.







# Kids Fest

*20 October, 2021  
Wednesday*

*Jubilee Park, Expo*

The main event of the festival will be a grandiose two-hour show “Little Legends of Big Russia” with the participation of the brightest and most creative children and adolescents from different parts of Russia. Many of them have already become finalists of popular TV projects and leaders of views on YouTube. The youngest popular performer — 15-year-old musician Vanya Dmitrienko and the Harry Potter Choir — will be the special guests of the super-show.







# Lectures on Russian animation

22 October, 2021

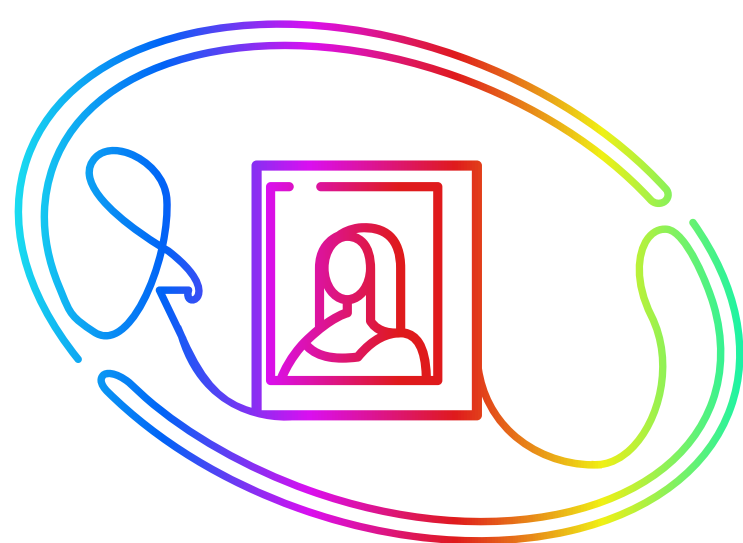
Friday

*Russian Pavilion*

Lectures cover the history of Russian animation, featuring lively examples, unique characters, and animation for both kids and adults.







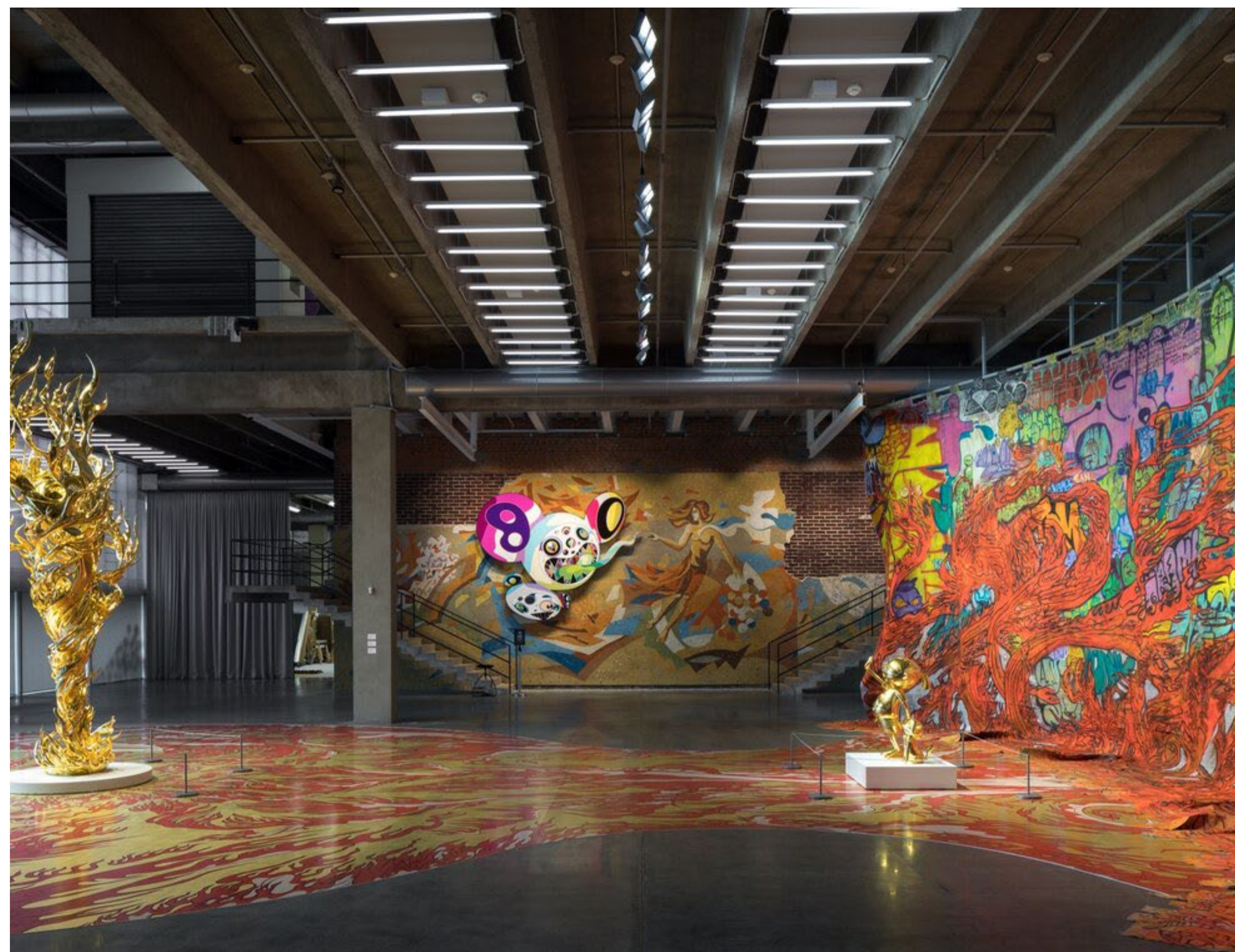
# The museums of Russia: how Russia cares for its cultural heritage

*10-11 November, 2021*

*Wednesday, Thursday*

*Russian Pavilion*

Some of Russia's most well-known museums representatives will speak about the cultural treasures that can be found in their collections. They will discuss what makes a museum of the 21st century and how you can now enjoy — virtually — the wealth of cultural artifacts located in other countries' collections.







# Chess Tournament

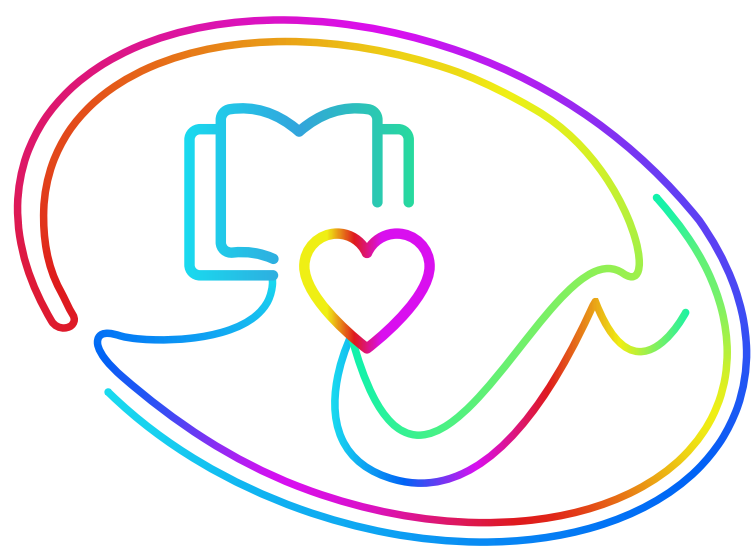
*24-26 November, 2021*  
*Wednesday, Thursday*

*Russian Pavilion*

An amateur chess tournament will coincide with the FIDE Chess World Championships in Dubai, bringing more enthusiasts to the game and inspiring new players. The tournament will be open to representatives of all Expo 2020 pavilions.







# Russian language lessons

*28-29 November, 2021*

*Sunday, Monday*

*Russian Pavilion*

A programme of Russian language lessons will be offered for guests of the Russian Pavilion. Students of any age and skill level will be able to follow an interactive, entertaining format.







# Ballet “Anna Karenina”. Boris Eifman Ballet Theater

*2-4 December, 2021*  
*Thursday, Friday, Saturday*  
*Dubai Opera*

Boris Eifman’s ballet Anna Karenina is full of inner psychological energy and surprisingly accurate in its emotional impact on the audience. Having removed all the secondary lines of Leo Tolstoy’s novel, the choreographer focused on the love triangle “Anna — Karenin — Vronsky”. With the plastic of the human body, Boris Eifman conveyed the drama of a reborn woman in his performance. According to the choreographer, it was passion and the “basic instinct” that led to a crime against social norms, destroyed motherly love, and ruined the inner world of Anna Karenina.







# Russia Festival

*4 December, 2021*

*Saturday*

*Ain Dubai, Bluewaters Island, Dubai*

A spectacular gala evening will celebrate the National Day of the Russian Federation at Expo 2020. Guests are invited to a simply breath-taking, and record-breaking, location — Ain Dubai — the world's tallest observation wheel, standing proud at over 250 meters high.

Russian opera, ballet and musical performance will feature in the programme of this stunning event, leaving our guests with unforgettable impressions of Russia and its cultural riches on its National Day.







# Poetry Day

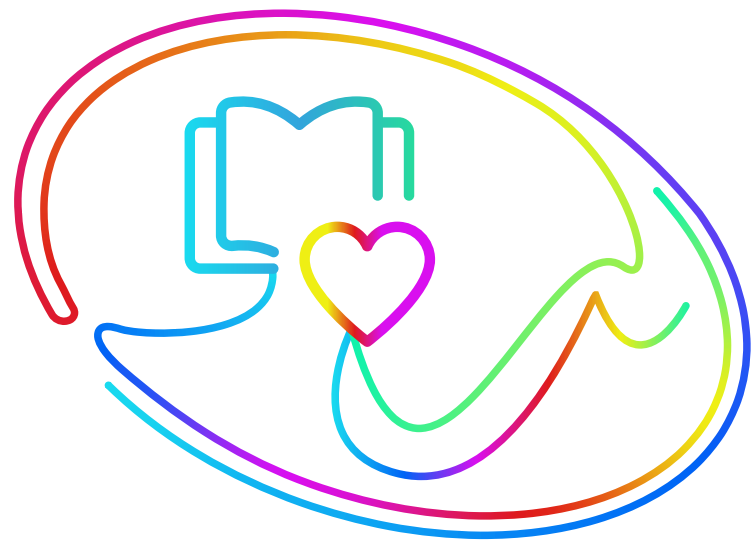
*10 December, 2021  
Friday*

*Russian Pavilion*

A celebration of Russian poetry, featuring poets and poem-lovers, Poetry Day at the Russian Pavilion will be full of emotion, inspiration, elation and great rhythm. Talented artists and rising stars of poetry will give recitals and performances, creating a window into Russian national identity, and further — into the depths of 'dusha': Russia's soul.







# Russian language lessons

*24-25 December, 2021*

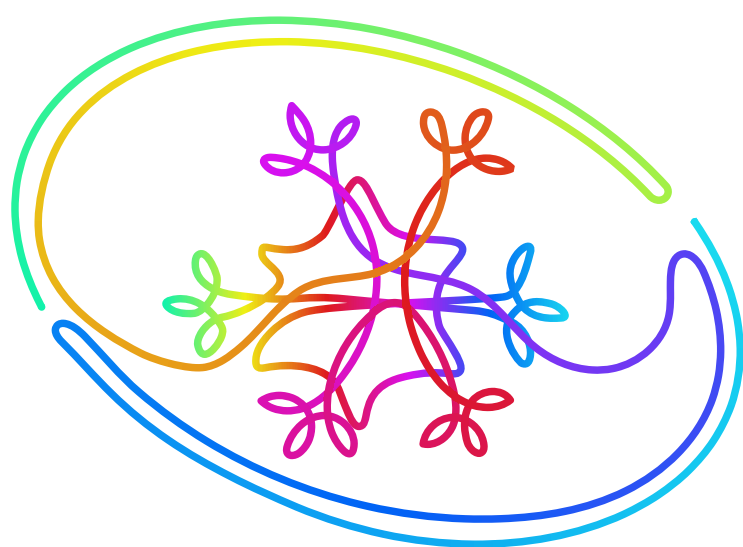
*Friday, Saturday*

*Russian Pavilion*

The Russian language is not only the language spoken by Russia, but also the language of great poets and prose writers, a means of transmitting the enormous cultural heritage of the Russian Federation. In an easy and entertaining way, everyone can start learning Russian, learn to write their name in Russian, read a few lines, and even quote Natasha Rostova's monologue from Leo Tolstoy's novel "War and Peace".







# From Russia with ...

*6-13 January, 2022*

*Agenda, Dubai*

“From Russia with ...” - is a festival of Russian culture. Its large-scale program will acquaint all guests with the traditions of Russian culture, musical diversity and national cuisines of various regions of the country. Film and theater projects, cartoons, contemporary art, music — this and much more will represent such a different, bright, cheerful, modern and, of course, hospitable Russia.







# “Russian Christmas” Gala Dinner

*6 January, 2022*

*Thursday*

*Agenda, Dubai*

For Russians, Christmas is one of the most important holidays of the year due to its cultural traditions and rich history. This illuminating show will feature a performance by top Russian artists, traditional cuisine, and a special entertainment programme designed to recreate the customs and rituals of a truly Russian Christmas.







# From Russia with ... Fest

*7 January, 2022*

*Friday*

*Dubai Ain Plaza*

Residents of Dubai and guests of Expo 2020 will dive into an authentic holiday with Christmas festivities, which have been a Russian tradition for many centuries. The unique Dubai Ain Plaza, located at the foot of the tallest Ferris wheel in the world, will add a special flavor and create an unforgettable atmosphere of Russian Christmas in Dubai. All guests of the festival will get acquainted with Russian Christmas customs, performances by folk groups of the peoples of Russia, and, of course, traditional food and drinks.







# From Russia with ... Cinema

*8 January, 2022*

*Saturday*

*Agenda, Dubai*

Festival of Russian movies, where you can see the bits of the shows and meet with actors, directors and all the creators. Recently, the demand for Russian projects has grown tremendously. Actors from Russia are appearing more and more in international TV shows, and Russian films are getting on the most popular streaming service Netflix. New directors, first-class scripts, fresh eyes, great acting — this is what distinguishes the Russian film industry today, especially in the most relevant genre of the series.







# From Russia with ... Cartoons

*9 January, 2022*

*воскресенье*

*Agenda, Dubai*

Young guests of the festival and their parents will meet with the heroes of Russian cartoons of both the past and the present, as well as cartoonists and all those who participate in the creation of animated films. Characters from the cartoons “Masha and the Bear”, “Smeshariki”, “Fixies”, the heroes of the Soyuzmultfilm studio beloved by several generations, recognized as one of the masterpieces of the world animation “Hedgehog in the Fog” — this and much more will make all guests of the festival take a fresh look to Russian animated films.







# From Russia with ... Opera

*10 January, 2022*

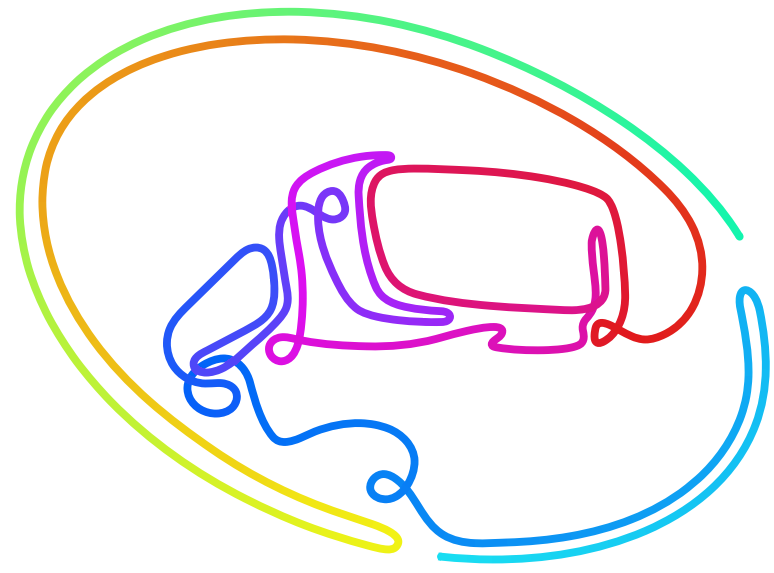
*Monday*

*Agenda, Dubai*

Russian opera artists conquer the world audience from the stages of the Vienna and Paris National Operas, perform at La Scala and the Metropolitan Opera. Anna Netrebko, Aida Garifullina, Albina Shagimuratova, Ildar Abdrazakov, Vasily Ladyuk, Dmitry Korchak — this is just the small part of the names glorifying the Russian opera scene. This evening, opera singers and operetta stars from the best Russian theaters will present a unique program showcasing famous arias and unusual musical numbers.







# From Russia with ... Digital Art

*11 January, 2022*

*Tuesday*

*Agenda, Dubai*

Digital Art in Russia is developing rapidly. A festival where the best works of Russian artists in digital art will gather on one platform and turn into one immense art space. Russian digital artists are winning international competitions in contemporary art, and many of them have already gained worldwide fame. The best artists from Russia will present their works at the festival.







# From Russia with ... Theatre

*12 January, 2022*

*Wednesday*

*Agenda, Dubai*

With the uniqueness of the Russian performing school and its high authority in the world of theatrical art, the performances of Russian artists always attract strong interest and are in constant international demand. The Russian theater scene is now experiencing an unprecedented heyday. The continuous search for new forms and plots, fresh and vivid reading of the classics, incredible acting, the emergence of new experimental theaters and workshops is what distinguishes the Russian theater of today. All guests of the festival will be able to learn more about new Russian theaters, meet directors, actors and theater artists.







# Russian Old New Year Gala Dinner

*13 January, 2022*

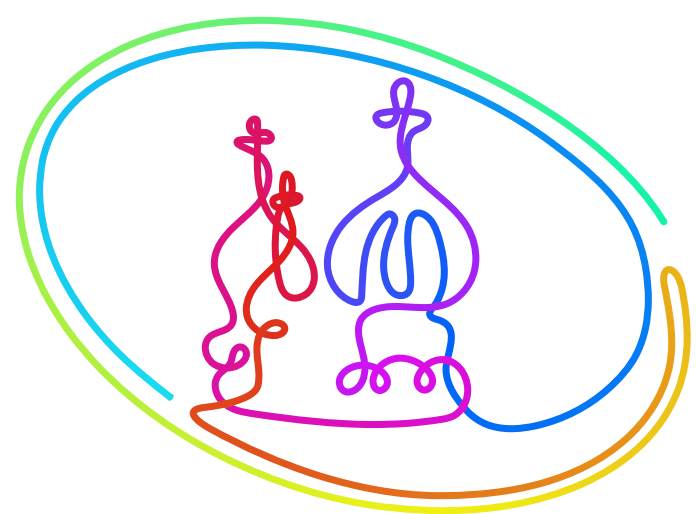
*Thursday*

*Agenda, Dubai*

New Year is Russia's biggest festive celebration. Commemorating the New Year according to the pre-revolutionary calendar, Russian Old New Year is rich in history, fascinating traditions, and entertaining customs. The exclusive and unique Russian Old New Year Gala Dinner will create a magnificent atmosphere in the heart of Dubai, getting 2022 off to a scintillating start with the wealth and splendor of Russian culture. For our guests' pleasure, the dinner programme will be enlivened and illuminated by a concert of classical music and opera.







# Russian Cultural Heritage Lectures

*20-21 January, 2022*

*Thursday, Friday*

*Russian Pavilion*

Culture is at the heart of Russia's heritage, combining traditions from various ethnic groups, sub-cultures, and worldviews while reflecting the country's complex history and diverse geography. Russia has a long tradition of achievement in many fields, especially when it comes to literature, folk music, and dancing, classical music, ballet, architecture, painting, and cinema. In all these areas, Russia has had a considerable influence on global culture.

Our Russian Cultural Heritage lectures, delivered by a line-up of invited experts, will offer a unique opportunity for Expo audiences to take a deep dive into Russian culture and to understand how its cultural heritage has built a nation.







# Ballet Icons Gala

*20-21 January, 2022*

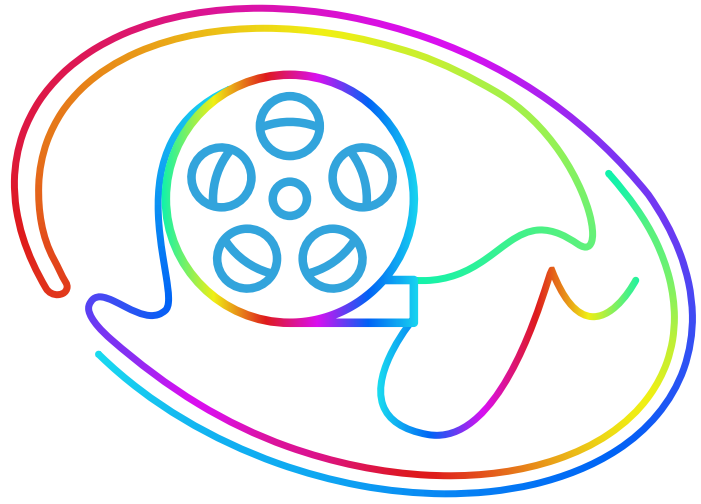
*Thursday, Friday*

*Dubai Opera*

The special premiere on the stage of the Dubai Opera is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Sergei Diaghilev, the creator of Ballets Russes and one of the most legendary figures in the history of ballet. The show will be performed by international ballet stars and multi-awarded principals from the Bolshoi, Mariinsky, Royal Ballet, English National Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet, Staatsballett Berlin, Vienna State Ballet, Bavarian State Ballet, New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Dutch National Ballet, Ballets de Monte-Carlo and others. “Ballet Icons Gala” will include highlights from the Ballets Russes’ repertoire such as Petrushka, The Firebird, Scheherazade, L’Après-midi d’un Faune, The Sleeping Beauty, The Swan Lake, Apollo as well as contemporary ballet masterpieces inspired by the Ballets Russes. The project is created with Ensemble Productions and Dubai Opera.







# Film Club

*10-11 February, 2022*

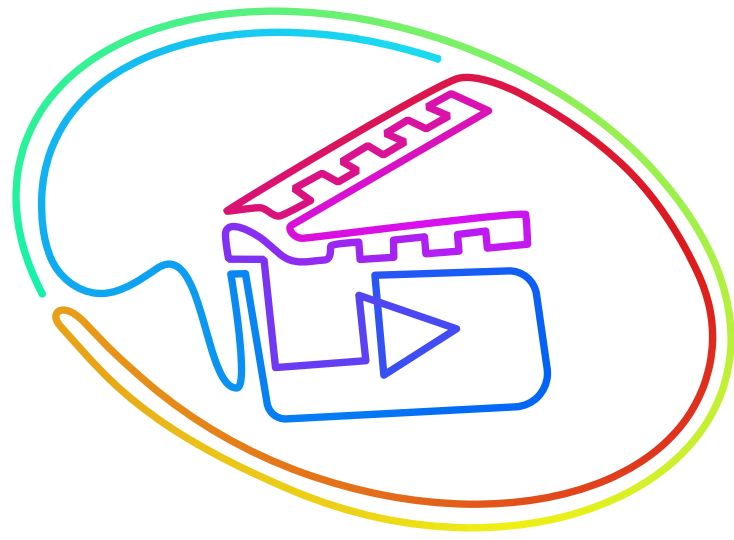
*Thursday, Friday*

*Russian Pavilion*

Screening of the best Russian films of various genres from the golden collection of Russian cinema and modern films.







# Russian Cinema History Lectures

*28 February, 2022  
Monday*

*Russian Pavilion*

Russian cinema has a long and rich history — from beloved Soviet-era films through to contemporary arthouse movies. At our Russian Cinema evening, pavilion guests will see and hear about the Russian film industry and will indulge with VIP viewings of some of the finest masterpieces of Russian cinematic art.







# Moscow Motion Fest

*3 March, 2022*

*Thursday*

*Agenda, Дубай*

Hip-hop festival featuring popular Russian hip-hop performers.







# Lectures on Literature

*6 March, 2022*

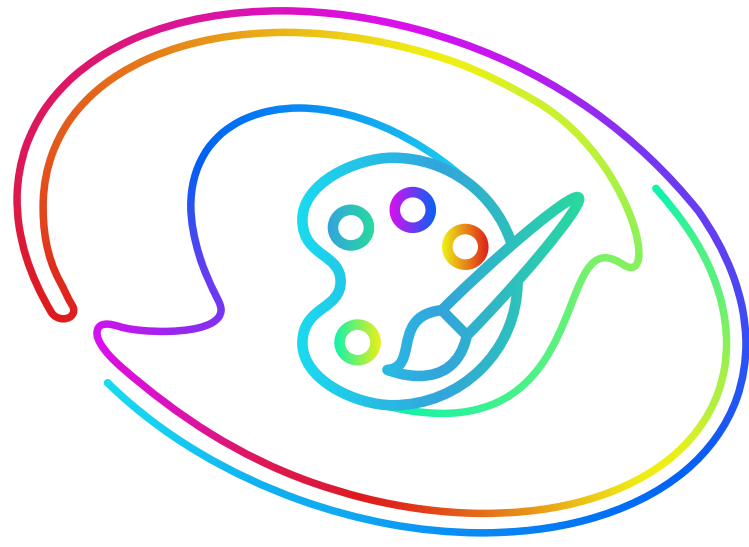
*Sunday*

*Russian Pavilion*

Leading Russian prose writers speak about their work and the influences that great authors of the past have on their writing.







# Lectures on Modern Art

*12 March, 2022*

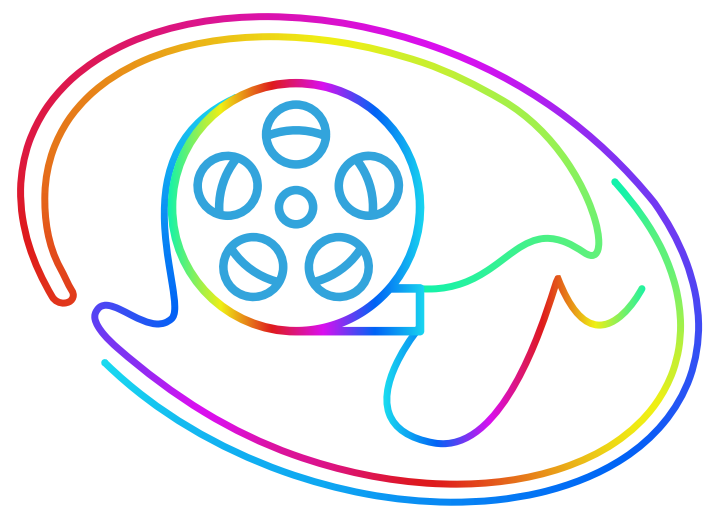
*Saturday*

*Russian Pavilion*

A set of talks to shine a spotlight on contemporary Russian art, the Art Heroes of our time, and current trends in the art world.







# Film Club

*18-19 March, 2022*

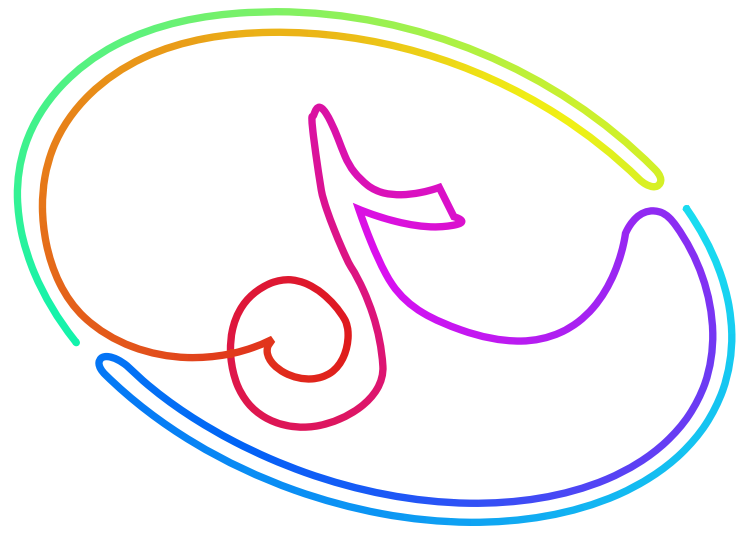
*Friday, Saturday*

*Russian Pavilion*

Cinematography is one of the most important landmarks of Russian culture. Great films of the past, popular modern films, iconic directors, legendary actors, premieres — all this awaits all guests of the Russian Pavilion on the days of film screenings.







# “Russian Rhapsody” Gala Dinner

*25 March, 2022*

*Friday*

*Dubai Opera*

Russian Rhapsody is a spectacular gala dinner and cultural showcase of Russia, bringing the richness of Russian classical music to UAE.

With performances by Russia’s leading opera stars and stunning projections of scenes from folklore, fairy tale and classical art, this will be an evening of entertainment never to be forgotten.







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