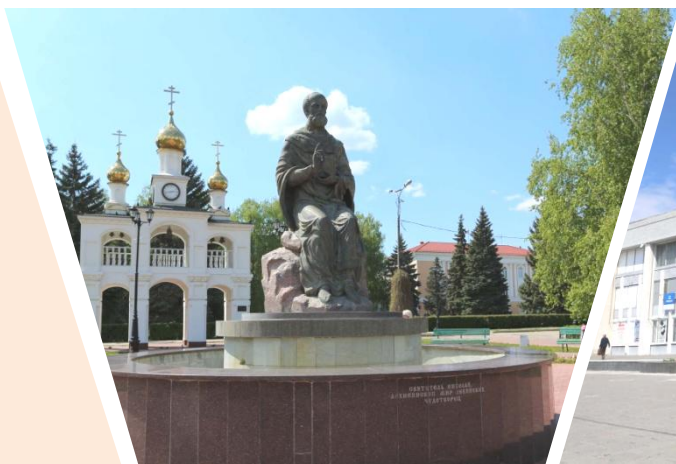


DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF TOGLIATTI



CULTURE OF TOGLIATTI

General Information



- 22** national cultural centres
- 4** professional theatres
- 3** municipal museums
- 1** philharmonic hall
- 62** public libraries
- 6** artistic unions of writers, artists, designers
- 17** art education organizations

More than 125 historical and cultural landmarks

Cultural Events



Festivals and projects

Music and Arts Festival

«Tremolo»

Drums of the World

Christmas Maneuvers

Princes' Tournament

TolCon fiction and fantasy

festival

**Festival of animation and
cosplay «Animation Zone»**

and more ...

Dance ensemble “Happy childhood”



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The ensemble was formed in 1971, it is a unique company of folk choreography, with performances held both in Russia and abroad. It is recognized that the ensemble has its own unique manner of performance, including lyrics, drive, and a crazy rhythm. This combination allowed the ensemble members to enjoy the highest awards and trophies: more than 20 Grand-Prix's, both Russian and international, participation in the Kremlin New Year Eve's celebration, philanthropic international festival of Vladimir Spivakov's Foundation "Moscow meets friends!", and many other entertainment functions.

The students and academicians of the ensemble have been maintaining their loyalty to the folk dance tradition for 45 years, rendering the local colour in performances, the costumes, and the music. The ensemble's repertoire includes more than 100 dances of Russia's various nationalities.

Director: Marina Morozova

Folk Song Ensemble "Pryalitsa"



Folk Song Ensemble "Pryalitsa" (spinning-wheel)

Established in 2000, this ensemble is strongly targeted at preservation and recreation of traditions and spiritual dimension of the national culture. Indeed, the folk song comprises the folk & rite theatre, popular choreography and folklore studies. The dancers, with their true love for the native land and using the folk games and rites, have already received a number of All-Russia and international awards.

The ensemble's repertoire includes playthings and nursery rhymes, ritual, lyrical, dancing, and playful songs, the spiritual songs of the Volga regions nationalities, as well as the songs composed and performed by the authors.

**Head of ensemble: Veronica
Bogoyavlenskaya**



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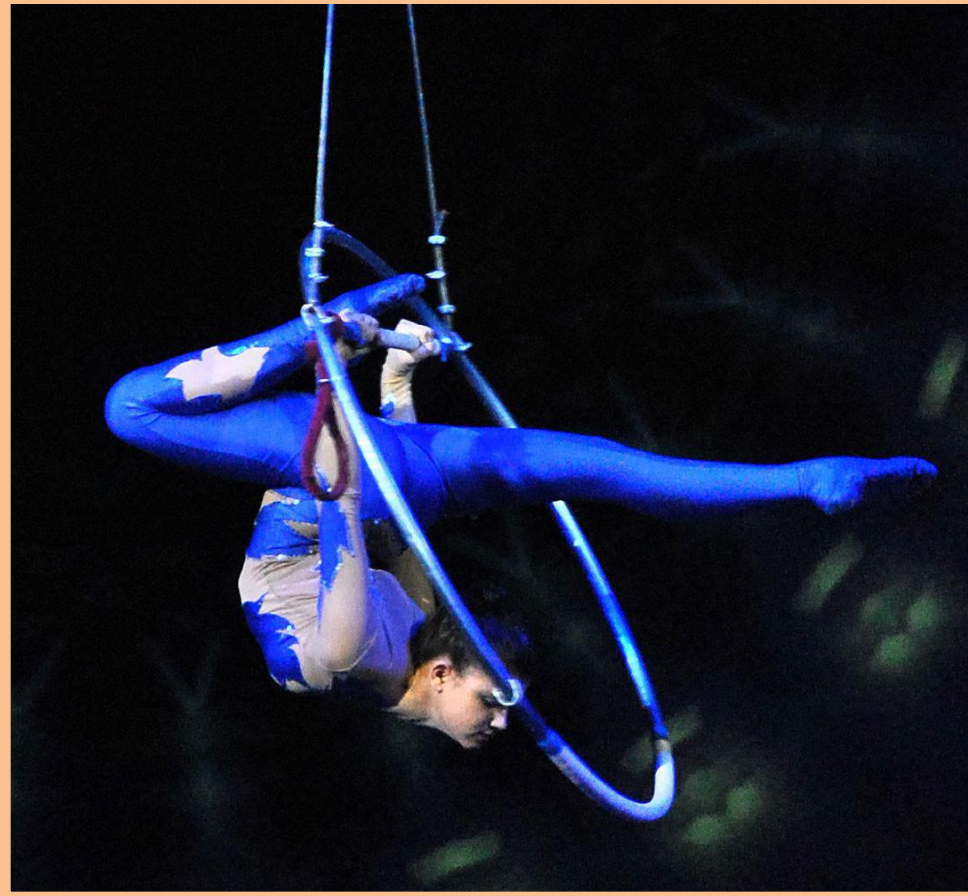


The company was established in 2000, this is one of the leading ensembles of pop vocals in Togliatti, where the kids study musical subjects and such things as choreography and acting techniques. This allows the students to experiment in the vocal and ensemble projects of the studio with a higher degree of freedom. The ensemble also has a number of diplomas of All-Russia and international contests.



The repertoire of the studio is quite versatile, varying from kids' songs to folk stylization and patriotic pop songs. The songs are performed in Russian, Italian, French, and English.

Director: Svetlana Vovk



Circus studio

The circus studio was opened in 1988. The studio participants are the children and youth aging from 4 to 20 years. The collective has a versatile concert program and is one of the most popular creative groups in the city. In 2002, the studio was awarded with the title of the "People's group" for its mastery performance and continuous creativity.

Every concert of the studio is a festivity of the circus art, since this genre, like nothing else, is strong with optimism and enthusiasm. The circus art comprises a number of different genres and naturally combines the means of plastic distinctiveness, choreography and eccentricity.



Director: Lyudmila Semenova

Dance ensemble “Rhythm of the planet”



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Dance ensemble “Rhythm of the Planet” unites more than 120 residents of Togliatti varying in age between 4 to 19 years. These days, the repertoire of the ensemble includes over 40 concerted items. There are classical and folk dances, playful genre compositions, and modern dances. Each item is a piece of life, where there is a lot of sun, happiness, children’s spontaneity, charm, and artistic impression. The folk dance ensemble “Rhythm of the planet” is the true decoration of all the public city events, concert programs at the best city concert sites in Togliatti and all of samara region.



Director: Olga Antonova

Dance ensemble “Creative”



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The collective started its concert activity 1995. The genres of dance of this ensemble is rather diversified. It is a wonderful combination of modern times, classics and folk style, allowing to create very interesting and exotic concert items. The choreographic art of the “Creative” is defined by a great variety of genres, with no limitations and taboos. That is why the artistic items of the ensemble always attract the spectators, offering them a mesmerizing and bright show.

The repertoire includes more than 20 concert items in different genres: modern jazz, ethnic stylization, folk dance classical dance, Variety style, and many more. This is a real miniature theatre, where every item is a separate show. Luxurious costumes, original choice of musical compositions, excellent choreography and professional performance will leave no one untouched.



Director: Svetlana Vyzhanova

Dance ensemble “Empils”



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The collective started its concert activity 2000. It is a participant and prizewinner of different dance contests of municipal and regional level.

“Empils” is a creative ensemble involved in different activities in a field of ballroom choreography.

The collective is focused on European and Latin American dances, the sports and staging variations, solo and collective dances.

Director: Peter Lukyanov

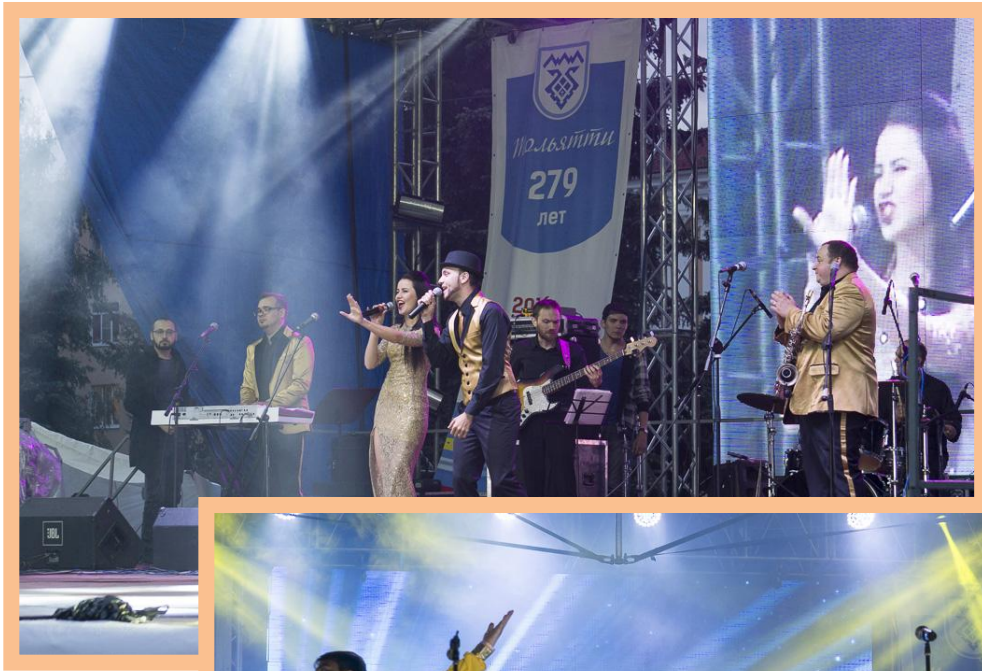


Summer creative school



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Summer creative school "New names of Togliatti", first appeared in 1998. Immediately after, the outstanding Russian educators shown interest to it, feeling it was their professional duty to support the new endeavor in Togliatti. The summer creative school is a long-standing cultural tradition in the city. For several weeks during the summer period the young people of Togliatti study with the masters of arts and culture of the All-Russia level, and after the end of their studies, they show their results at the reporting concert. The summer creative school is a synthesis of different arts, the union of the educators and the students, individual classes and workshops, meet-the-artist events, exhibitions and concerts, new approaches to understanding of art and its role in the life of children, only starting their way on the path of music, literature, and pictorial art.



City Day

This special occasion is always full with the events held on the central streets, squares and public parks. On this day, the wrestling and kickboxing championship is carried out in the city. The winners are awarded with prizes on behalf of the city's administration. The adults with kids may entertain themselves on many playgrounds. There is a history club and an exhibition of retro cars. The fans of aeromodelling demonstrate the machines made with their own hands. The library organize readings of literary works. New books are presented, with authors appearing in public. Also, there is a carnival show. In the evening, the pop singers and performers take the stages. The days is finalized with the great fireworks show. The City Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of June.

Pancake Week



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The holiday of Pancake Week is a people's Slavic tradition, merry farewell to the winter season, illuminated with a happy anticipation of the upcoming warmth and the spring refreshment of Nature.

The people have a good time, visit friends and relatives, organize merry public open air celebrations, and help themselves with pancakes. The highlight of the event is the farewell to the Winter - burning of the Winter's straw-man on the bonfire. The action symbolizes the upcoming of Spring, which is celebrated with game-playing, circle-dancing, singing and dancing.