



THE SIGHTS OF DONETSK



DONETSK IS A LARGE INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CITY. IT IS THE CENTRE OF COAL-MINING INDUSTRY. THE CITY WAS FOUNDED IN 1869 BY JOHN HUGHES, WHO CONSTRUCTED A STEEL PLANT AND SEVERAL COAL MINES IN THE REGION. THE TOWN WAS THUS NAMED YUZOVKA. FROM 1924 TO 1961 IT WAS CALLED STALINO. IN 1961 IT BECAME DONETSK. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY. IT HAS MANY SIGHTS.



THE MONUMENT TO JOHN HUGHES WAS OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2001 IN THE CENTRE OF DONETSK TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS (SCULPTOR A. SKORYKH).



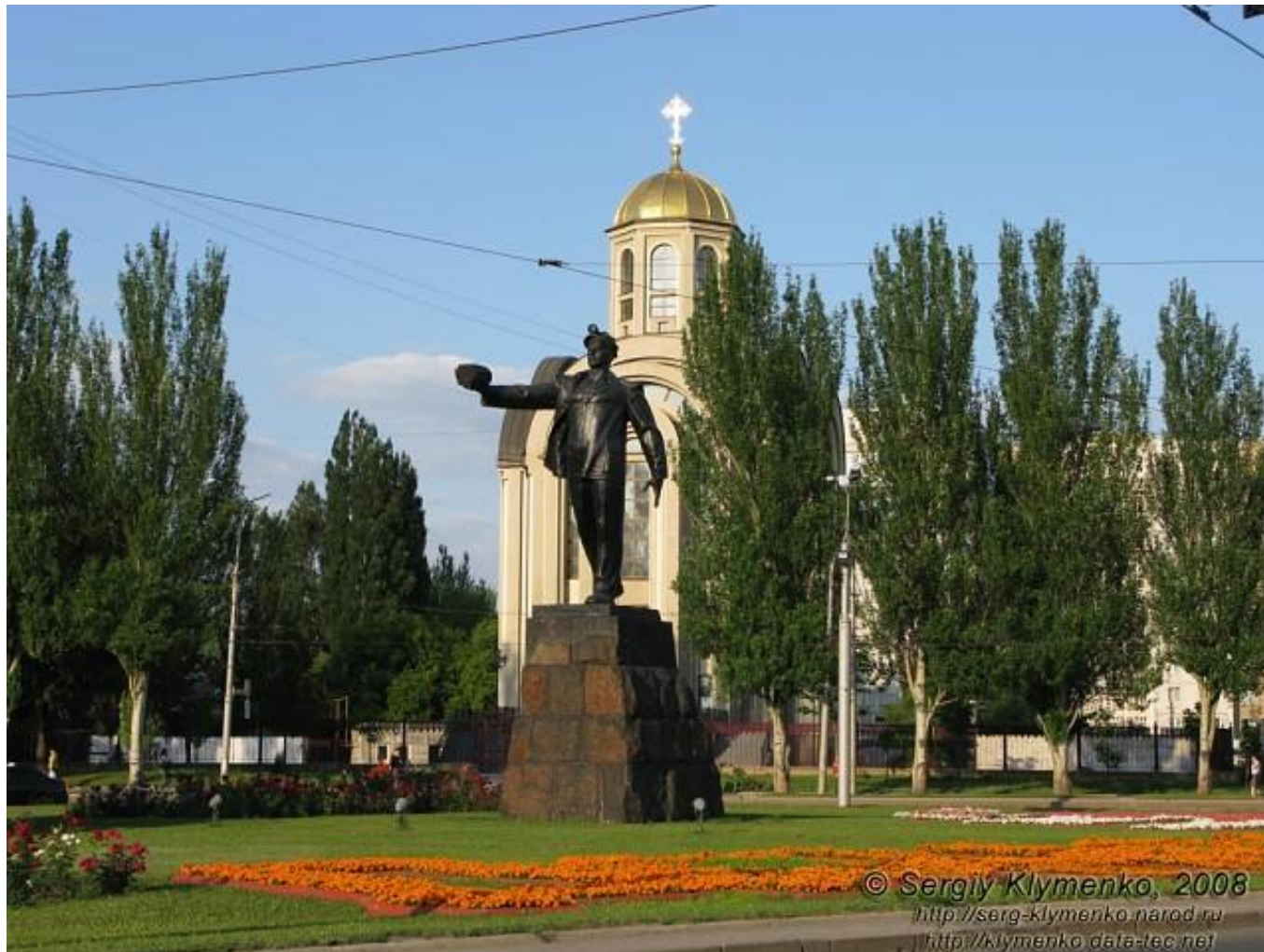
THERE ARE TWO MOST DISTINGUISHED THEATRES OF THE REGION - DONETSK NATIONAL OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE NAMED AFTER A. SOLOVYANENKO AND DONETSK MUSIC AND DRAMA THEATRE. THE OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE WAS BUILT IN 1941 (ARCHITECT K. I. KOTOVSKY). ITS BUILDING IS DESIGNED IN THE CLASSICAL STYLE. THE AUDITORIUM SEATS 976 PEOPLE. DONETSK MUSIC AND DRAMA THEATRE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1961 ACCORDING TO THE DESIGN OF ARCHITECT YE. I. CHECHIK. THE THEATRE IS DONE IN THE FORM OF AN ANCIENT GREEK TEMPLE.



LENIN SQUARE IS ONE OF THE FAVOURITE PLACES OF REST AMONG DONETSK CITIZENS. HERE MEETINGS ARE HELD, PARK AMUSEMENTS ARE ORGANIZED, THE NEW YEAR TREE IS INSTALLED, FAMOUS ARTISTS PERFORM.



SHAKHTERSKAYA SQUARE IS FAMOUS FOR THE MONUMENT “GLORY TO THE MINERS’ WORK!” ERECTED IN 1967. SINCE THEN THE FIGURE OF A MINER HOLDING A PIECE OF COAL IN HIS HAND HAS BEEN THE IDENTIFYING MARK OF DONETSK FOR FIVE DECADES. NEAR THE MONUMENT THERE RISES A GOLD-DOMED CHURCH OF HOLY RESURRECTION (ARCHITECTS V. ROMANCHIKOV AND S. ILYIN).



IN 1992 DONETSK CITY COUNCIL MADE A DECISION TO RECONSTRUCT THE CATHEDRAL OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION. NOW THE CATHEDRAL HAS FIVE DOMES, A TALL BELL TOWER AND THREE APSES. IT HAS THE SHAPE OF CROSS. THE BELL TOWER IS COMPLETED WITH A LONG DOME AND A SPIRE, ITS TOTAL HEIGHT IS 73 METRES. THE TOTAL CATHEDRAL AREA IS 1000 SQUARE METRES. IT CAN CONTAIN 3000 PEOPLE SIMULTANEOUSLY.



AN ORIGINAL OVAL FORM OF **THE STADIUM DONBASS ARENA** MAKES IT LOOK LIKE A FLYING SAUCER. ITS PECULIARITY IS A FULLY GLAZED FAÇADE. ITS NIGHT ILLUMINATION MAKES DONBASS ARENA SPARKLE LIKE A DIAMOND. THAT'S WHY AFTER ITS OPENING THE STADIUM WAS CALLED A DIAMOND OF DONETSK.



DONETSK CIRCUS “KOSMOS” WAS OPENED ON AUGUST 26, 1969 (ARCHITECT NAVROTSKY).

TOTAL FLOOR AREA IS 12 THOUSAND SQUARE METRES. IT HAS 1850 HALL SEATS.



THE LENIN KOMSOMOL PARK CONSISTS OF 2 NEW MODERN PARKS: THE PARK OF THE VICTORIA HOTEL COMPLEX AND THE PARK OF THE DONBASS ARENA STADIUM. IN THE PARK OF THE HOTEL COMPLEX YOU CAN WALK ALONG AN ARTIFICIAL RIVER OR WALK THROUGH GREEN ALLEYS. AND IN THE PARK NEAR THE STADIUM YOU WILL BE AMUSED BY THE FOUNTAIN CASCADE - THE HUGE GRANITE BALL THAT HAS 28 TONS IN WEIGHT WHICH ROLLS UNDER THE PRESSURE OF TWO STREAMS OF WATER, AND ALSO BY THE PHILOSOPHICAL GARDEN - A ROCK-GARDEN, THE AREA OF WHICH IS NEARLY 2,5 HECTARES.



THE MONUMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF FASCISM IS SITUATED IN THE PARK OF SLAVIC CULTURE. IT WAS BUILT TO HONOUR THE FALLEN DURING THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR. THE MONUMENT WAS BUILT IN THE PLACE, WHERE THERE WAS A CONCENTRATION CAMP DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION. 25 THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED THERE. THEY WERE BURIED IN THE PARK. THE MODERN MONUMENT WAS ERECTED IN 1965.



THE PARK OF FORGED FIGURES ALLOWS FINDING YOURSELF IN THE REAL FAIRY TALE, WHERE THE FORGED FIGURE OF PINOCCHIO AND IRON WOODCUTTER PEACEFULLY ADJOIN THE WOODEN BABA YAGA. ON WALKING ALONG THE PARK PATHS, YOU CAN FIND YOUR ZODIAC OR SIT IN THE ARBOUR OF LOVERS WHICH EVERY SUMMER MEETS HAPPY NEWLY-MARRIED COUPLES WHO HAVE ARRIVED TO THE PARK TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST HAPPY MOMENTS OF THEIR FAMILY LIFE.

