

CLOSING CEREMONY

The biggest sporting event still to come is the men's ice hockey final at the futuristic Bolshoy Ice Dome on Sunday, pitting reigning champions Canada against Sweden, who won the competition in Turin in 2006.

The final act of the February 7-23 Olympics will be the closing ceremony at the Fisht Stadium on the Black Sea coast, one of several gleaming new arenas constructed at huge cost for what are widely believed to be the most expensive Games ever held.

Marco Balich, artistic executive producer of Sunday's spectacle, said that it would present a different side of Russia to the opening ceremony, which was a muscular expression of the country's strength, pride and progress.

"As grand as the opening was, with this one they went for another side of Russia - intimate, full of heart, and they (Russian Organizers) mentioned the word 'nostalgia'," Balich told Reuters.

The exact contents were a closely guarded secret, but again the scale and sophistication would impress, he said.

"For sure it will be the biggest Winter Olympics closing ceremony ever."

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