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Flowo6 Festival, Helsinki, 18–20 August 2006

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The third Flow Festival presents a wider, more astonishing and versatile festival programme than ever before. This year's artists include Swedish singer-songwriter José González, hip-hop star Madlib, soul veteran Candi Staton, Ninja Tune's very own Coldcut and the Underground Resistance collective on a rare live gig, to name but a few.

The Helsinki based Flow Festival takes place over three days at the two brand new main festival venues. The festival has expanded to include new indie music, everything from pop to rock and electro to folk. The main focus is, as before, on different forms of urban music from hip-hop and soul via disco to reggae, and from dance jazz to soulful electronic music.

Indie-hip-hop's American number one record label Stones Throw brings a ten-member group including **Madlib**, hip-hop artists **Dudley Perkins** and **Wildchild**. **The Five Corners Quintet**, which received a rapturous response at last year's festival, will premiere their new repertoire at Flowo6. The voice of numerous soul and disco hits, **Candi Staton**, will be doing a special show with an 8-member band.

Flow's interesting and fresh indie programme features **José González**, British **Gravenhurst**, who combine apocalyptic folk with droning rock, and Icelandic electro-folk artist **Mugison**. Notorious **Happy Mondays** member **Bez** will show up for a DJ gig. Finnish indie artists featured at Flowo6 include well received recent solo debutant **Siiri Nordin & The Sweeters** and lo-fi-electropop favourites **TV-Resistori** and **Aavikko**.

Performance of the legendary **Underground Resistance** collective will undoubtedly be the number one happening within the Finnish electronic music scene. The Flow lineup includes also Norwegian space disco maestros **Lindstrøm & Prins Thomas**, **Coldcut** – the founders of the Ninja Tune label, enigmatic **Moodymann** and German techno jazz heroes **Jazzanova**.

The new festival venues of Flow

The main venue will be the Flow Yard, which is located in the courtyard of Kuudes linja club. The Flow Yard performances take place before ten o'clock (Fri 17–22, Sat 14–22, Sun 14–22) while the late hour clubs are held in the historical festival hall Valkoinen sali ("white hall") (Fri 22–04 and Sat 22–04). A few smaller events take place at the Kuudes linja and Rose Garden clubs.

Flowo6 is proud to be cooperating with some of the most prestigious Finnish design and interior brands Artek, UPM and Vallila Interior. The aim is to offer Flow visitors even more stylish and comfortable surroundings than before. The visual arts offering at Flowo6 includes the acclaimed Finnish photographer, Ola Kolehmainen, whose works will be printed on huge special wooden surfaces (15 meters x 3 meters) on the Flow Yard.

Flowo6 is supported by City of Helsinki and Ministry of Education in Finland. Partners include Helsingin Sanomat, Radio Helsinki, Diesel, BAT and TDC Song.

Flowo6 ticket sales: Lippupiste, www.lippu.fi / tel. +358 600 900 900 (1,25 €/min + international fee)

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