

Kamasi Washington, Moses Sumney, Anna of the North, KOKOKO! and many other artists featured at Flow's Balloon 360° stage

Flow Festival's iconic circular Balloon 360° stage with the distinctive orb suspended above it also hosts Kevin Morby, Susanne Sundfør, The Limiñanas and many others. The way the seating surrounds the stage offers audiences a more intimate way to enjoy the concerts.

American saxophone player, composer and jazz superstar **Kamasi Washington** will play at Flow's Balloon 360° stage two sets with his band of top musicians. The jazz luminary's next album will be released in 2018. Also featured at the stage will be **Kevin Morby**, one of the most interesting and sought-after folk artists active today, last year's foremost chamber pop sensation **Moses Sumney** and French psychedelicists **The Limiñanas**. Also taking the stage are two very popular singer-songwriters from Norway: recent Nordic Music Prize winner **Susanne Sundfør** who is known for her powerful interpretations of her own pop songs, as well as soulful electropop artist **Anna of the North**, whose debut album *Lovers* was rapturously received. The Balloon 360° stage hosts two very interesting African groups: from Nigeria, afrosoul and afrobeat pioneer **Orlando Julius** together with his ensemble **The Heliocentrics**, and electronic collective **KOKOKO!** from Congo, representing the rising new culture of capital city Kinshasa with their self-made instruments and radical, groundbreaking stance.

As usual, the Balloon 360° stage will feature some of Finland's top jazz musicians: trumpet player **Jukka Eskola** with the **UMO Jazz Orchestra**, **Olli Ahvenlahti New Quartet**, consisting of living legend and pianist-composer namesake with **Jaska Luukkainen**, bassist **Antti Lötjönen** and tenor saxophonist **Jussi Kannaste**, as well as the mercurial and energetic jazz group **Mopo**. Additionally, the stage hosts powerful singer and aspiring international breakthrough pop talent **Lxandra**, singer-songwriter **Yona** performing with the **Lumos** string quartet, and promising indie pop trio **Karina**, who recently released their critically acclaimed debut album. **Lau Nau** will play her abstract brand of folk music with a stellar ensemble featuring **Pekko Käppi**, **Matti Bye** and **Samuli Kosminen**. They will be joined on stage by a 20-strong choir.

Flow Festival takes place on August 10.–12. in Helsinki's Suvilahti.

Previously confirmed artists at the 2018 Flow Festival include **Kendrick Lamar**, **Arctic Monkeys**, **Patti Smith**, **Lykke Li**, **Fleet Foxes**, **Alma**, **Charlotte Gainsbourg**, **Bonobo**, **Grizzly Bear**, **St. Vincent** and many others.

More acts will be published on Friday, April 6th.

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Flow Festival takes place in Helsinki's Suvilahti area on August 10–12 2018.

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2 days: 159€

1 day: 99€

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Travel packages:

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