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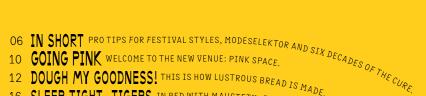
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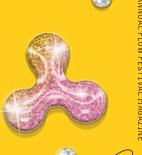
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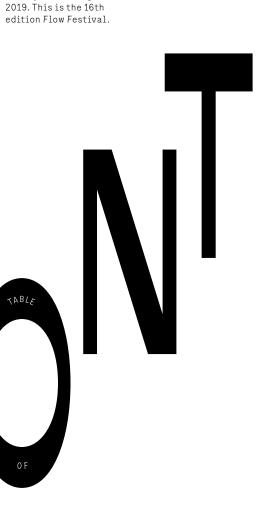














Seeing DJ YU CHUAN WANTS TO FEEL HOW THE PARTY GETS STARTED THIS AUGUST AT FLOW

Six decades

First decade Safe but still an outsider. This has been the core of The Cure since it's prehistory. Robert Smith, 60, played his first guitar chords when he was seven. Everybody in the Smiths' musical family of six played the piano. They moved from Blackpool to south to Crawley. He didn't fit in completely. - Second decade smith was fourteen when he and future members of The Cure formed a band called Obelisk. They would become teenage art punks. Punk only had to be invented first. In May 1979, the newborn Cure released a quirky and enigmatic debut album Three Imaginary Boys.
Third decade Creativity burst out on several albums dealing with depression, joy and nihilism. You can either cheer

or cry to hits like A Forest, Love Cats

and *Pictures of You*. Red lipstick and

an explosive hairdo made Robert Smith an androgynous icon.

Fourth decade — The masterpiece was revealed in May 1989. *Disintegration* is a holy, warm and tragic compilation of sounds - from Lullaby to Lovesong. The Cure was the strangest stadiumfilling band at the end of the millennium. Fifth decade The beginning of the century was an era of insecurity, but by now, The Cure's dark rock symphonies had become a source of comfort for listeners across generations. Their latest album, 4:13 Dream, was released in 2008.

Sixth decade — The Cure was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2019. It inspired them to start the process of finishing their 14th album. If we hear some new songs this year, in the words of Robert Smith, they will be "incredibly intense".

Yu Chuan, what would you like to see at Flow? "I look forward to see the festival weekend where there are performances, contemporally the had lots of graffiti paintings that I liked at the festival would you like to hear at Flow? "Theo Portish before in the festival area and also that the after the after the festival area and also that the after the festival area and also the festival area. great." What would, record collection but I haven't seen name personal pers 'Just that I have enjoyed myself a lot: Allo also what the after to be lots of after parties but the best ones are mappe after parties when the best ones are mappe in the lots of after parties but the best ones are mappe after parties when the lots of after parties but the best ones are mappe after parties when the lots of after parties but the best ones are mappe after parties when the lots of after parties but the best ones are mappe after parties but the best ones are mapped after parties but the best What would you like to play at Flow:

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The Flow Regular: Salma Jama

"Style is art in a sense. Your clothes tell a story whether you like it or not. My style is always laid back, but comfort is the key at festivals. Last year I wore a Nike hijab made with technical material. It was great for all the dancing. Pockets are handy, so maybe consider cargo pants. If you have enough pockets, you might not even need a bag. This year, I might go for a wide legged pant suit with chunky sneakers. I'm obsessed with neon colours. All black is a bit meh for me. And I always wear sunglasses even when it's not sunny. 3 The most important thing in festival style is to go all out. It's the one time you can get away with wearing anything." FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM: SALMAJJ

The Rapper: Bizi

"I buy clothes every two weeks. I'm not consciously a sustainable dresser, but I feel like it's a norm these days to buy second hand and vintage. You find the kind of things no one else has in vintage stores anyway. I try not be too influenced by anyone because we easily end up looking not as original as we'd like to think. I always wear the classic Vans sneakers. They go well with everything. Right now, I'm into big pants and small scarves. Last year at Flow, I got a whole plate of nachos all over my brand-new white Tommy Hilfiger hoodie. That was not a very nice look. So, wear white with caution and depending on your party mode." - Catch Bizi on stage at Flow Sat 10th Aug together with F & Sitoi.

FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM: RETTARECOGNIZE

The DJ: Katerina Andonov

"You rarely see me without an extralarge record label t-shirt. My dream is to create handmade and 100 % recycled merch for my own record label. Nineties rap is my biggest style influence and I love workwear and Air Force 1 sneakers. However, this year for Flow I might want to wear my long leather coat from Onar Studios, high heels and maybe even a dress. Something sexy. And I always have a bandana scarf with me. It comes in handy in case I want to hide myself in a photo. The only definite 'no' in festival style is to buy plastic crap from a fast fashion store just to get something new to wear." Dance with Katerina & Linda Lazarov at Flow Sat 10th Aug.

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Sebastian Szary of Modeselektor 1

MODESELEKTOR'S GERNOT BRONSERT MISSES THE DANGER OF THE EARLY DAYS IN THE GERMAN UNDERGROUND TECHNO PARTIES. NOWADAYS HE WANTS THE AUDIENCE TO HAVE FUN.

the difference. Isn't it?" The name Modeselektor was taken from a function on the Roland Space Echo analogue delay effects unit. Do you still use that device? **Sometimes** we use it. It has a very visible spot in the studio. It's one of the first things you can see when you enter the room. It looks cool and it sounds amazing. It's like a nicely designed furniture." Thom Yorke is a huge fan of your music. Are you fans of his? Would you produce a new Radiohead album if he asked you to do it?

"Of course, we love their stuff. Every time we listen to some new Radiohead or Thom Yorke music, we're inspired. They really don't need another producer - Nigel Goodrich is the best and also a band member." **You first started performing** in illegal underground parties. Do you miss anything from the early days? == "Oh yes! We miss the feeling we had back then. It was dangerous, forbidden, exciting and new for everyone who got to be part of it. It was not about money - it was about unity." You and Sebastian Szary have known each other for a long time. What German words would you use to describe each other? ——— "Wir sind Brüder!" You visited Flow with Moderat three years ago. How are you going to get people moving this time? —— "We're not only there to make the people move. We want to share our world with them. It's more than just a service. We want to have fun with the audience and create an experience." Okav. what else? — "Love, always."

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Way's sourdough bread with pastrami, cabbage salad and "russian dressing"

Toni Kostian, Way

"When you're making dough, you must understand the entire process. We don't use any baker's yeast in our bread. Just the sourdough starter.

I practiced making sourdough bread for years because it just tastes so much better than bread made with commercial yeast. With sourdough, you get a crispy, caramelised crust.

The process of making dough can't be hurried. If the dough needs to rest, you have to let it rest. And you can't skip any part of the process. We might start making the dough in the evening, continue the following morning and shape it into a loaf. After that, the dough must rest somewhere cool until the next day. You can easily use two or three days making the dough. The bread we sell, for instance, can be proofed for five days.

Kneading is also important. You have to do it enough but not too much. A perfect bread is baked properly. It has the right amount of salt and is made with the right flour. The flour can't be too clean, it must have enough flavour and contain bran.

When the loaf of bread is ready, it should taste handmade, not like it was created with a push of a button."

Dough My Goodness!

THREE FLOW RESTAURANTS, WAY, BACCO AND ANDREA,



Pasi Ryhänen, Bacco

Way's

rests for

Our goal is to make dough that is highly digestible and doesn't cause stomach problems. That is our principle. We have been doing research on how to create a dough like that for a long time.

The idea came from an Italian pizza school whose founder wanted to find out how to make healthier pizza. He studied, on a molecular level, what would make dough more digestible.

I learned the process in Italy. I tasted a lot of different pizzas and doughs. Now, we are using flours that all come from Italy. We make our dough with a mix of six different flours. That way we get the consistency and taste we are looking for. Another important factor is the fermentation process. We proof our dough for 96 hours, sometimes even longer, during which all the sugar in the dough will burn.

Making dough is precise. We hold to our standards to ensure consistent quality. We usually sell hundreds of pizzas in a week. Just getting the right amount of dough ready is quite a process.

We want to make pizza that's delicious but also healthy."

Filip Forsberg, Andrea

"Our bread develops its taste when it rests for long periods of time during the baking process. The crust will turn out crispy while inside the bread is soft and fluffy.

We use two different mother dough starters; one is made with wheat and the other with rye. We begin by stirring flour and water together with the starter. Then we let the dough ferment for 24 hours before continuing to make the actual bread dough.

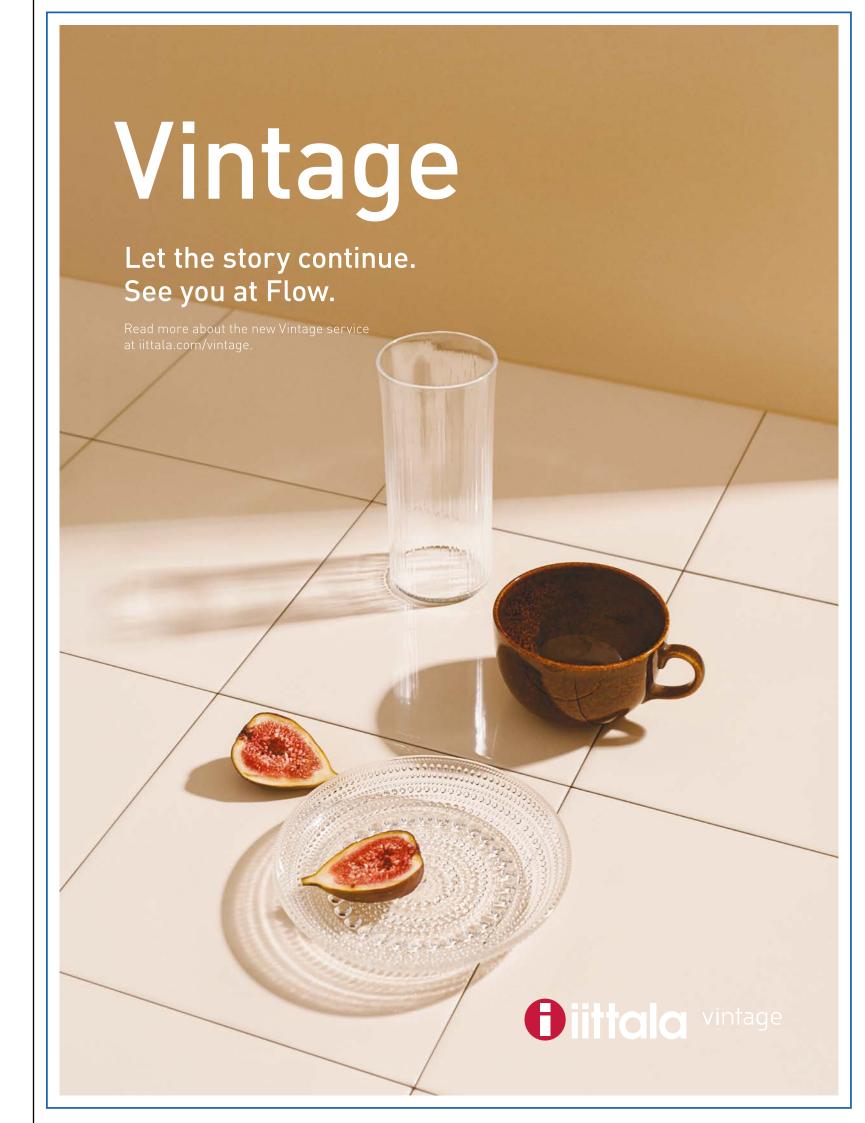
When the dough is ready, we fold it once every hour, at least three times. Then we place the bread loaves in the refrigerator to proof slowly and bake them in the following morning. In addition to the baking process, the ingredients and freshness of the flour affect the taste. We have experimented with different flours from local producers to find the best mix.

It would be nearly impossible to make large batches of bread this way, but the taste is the most important thing for us. That is why we continuously experiment with new recipes. I personally like a crust that is a little dark, but it shouldn't be burnt of course. Baking bread might look easy, but the skill comes through trial and error."



Isn't it strange that when we want to fly some place warm for a week of vacation, we can find out exactly how many tons of carbon dioxide it will take to get us and our luggage into that sun chair, yet it's almost impossible to find out what the impact of drinking a glass of milk vs. a glass of oat drink has on the planet? It's double strange considering that the food industry generates nearly twice as many greenhouse gas emissions as all transportation combined — cars, buses, planes, trains, even personal jetpacks.*

So from now on, our products will be labelled with a number that defines the amount of CO2e they generate, from farm to store, so that you know how they impact the planet before you decide to buy them. That way you can easily compare them to other food products as soon as the entire food industry follows our lead, which they have to do now that we've officially and indiscreetly suggested it on the side of all of our European packages.





Open dream: Oodi, Töölönlahdenkatu 4 The recently opened Helsinki Central Library Oodi lures masses of visitors, some with screaming children, but on the third floor, there is a perfect place for napping during the quiet afternoon hours. Large pillows and soft seats have been placed near the enormous windows. The etiquette is so informal no one would notice if you happened to snore a bit.

Maustetytöt: "We have a natural talent for sleeping. We sleep all the time. If the sun is shining, you can choose a warm spot for a nap in Oodi."



Future dreams:

When other Nordic countries built impressive hotels, Helsinki was not in the forefront. But don't lose your sleep over it, the city has since been piled up with the city centre two years after.

Jätkäsaari three years ago and the nen, the old insurance headquarters is front. In Kallio, HYY Yhtymä's hub for elegant boutique hotel, St. George, in being turned into a 197-room hotel. In Hakaniemi, the acclaimed Norwegian Flow Festival's neighbourhood in architecture office Snøhettan has de-

78-metre Clarion hotel opened in Suvilahti is also changing. In Sörnäi- signed a shining new hotel on the waterscientists, offices, restaurants and tourists is rising in 2022.

Dreaming is bigger than ever.



Culture dream: Maxim, Kluuvikatu 1

Sizeable and comfy arm chairs, soothing lights and a lot of legroom. Cinemas are perfect places for closing your eyes. Folks have been taking two-hour rests in Kluuvikatu's cinemas since 1909. The antique decorations of the recently renovated Maxim have been preserved from the original building. Maxim mainly shows art house cinema and offers a chance to enjoy a nightcap with your film.

Maustetytöt: "This is the best place. We really fell asleep for a while. The movie was shit. There's no shame in falling asleep so you fall asleep."



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Budget dream: CheapSleep, Sturenkatu 27

trees from the window."



Seaside dream: Nikolai II, Eteläranta 7

The motor yacht has been used for various purposes since it was built in Helsinki 1906. It has served as a war-time hospital, a fishing boat and a marine research vehicle. Now, it's a home base for karaoke parties and maritime sleeping. There are cabin bunk beds where you can sneak in after having a sing-along on the sun deck. You can also rest naked in the wood-heated sauna while watching the busy Market Square.

Maustetytöt: "Cozy. Good place if one can handle being close to another person. Extra points for the calming rocking of the yacht and the seagulls screaming."

While hanging around in the brightly painted communal lounge of the hostel, it almost feels like you're 18 and travelling in Barcelona or London with no money at all. The atmosphere is international and very affordable. Beds cost around 25 euros a night or less - if you want to get a full experience in a 26-bed dorm. One of the female dorms, room number 206, offers a picture sque view of the surrounding Vallila neighbourhood.

Maustetytöt: "Top-class. They provide slippers and all. You can see the pine



Maustetytöt: "It's hard to rate the experience as we aren't used to this kind of luxury. The bed is excellent. The bath robes are soft and fluffy." -















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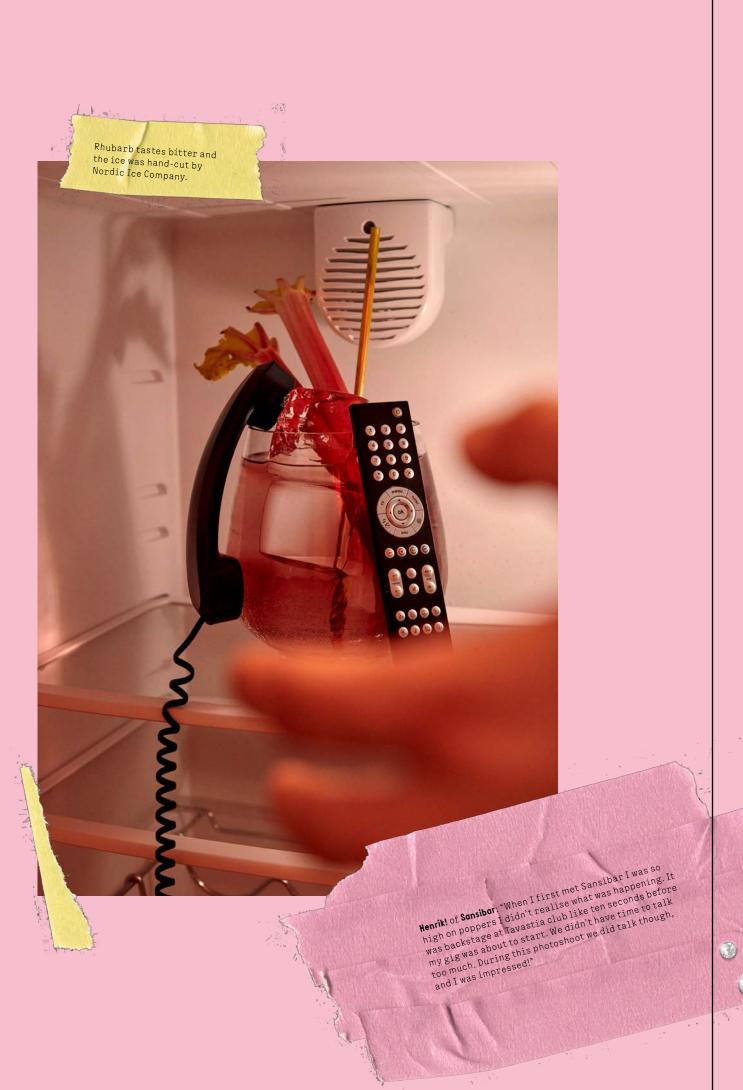
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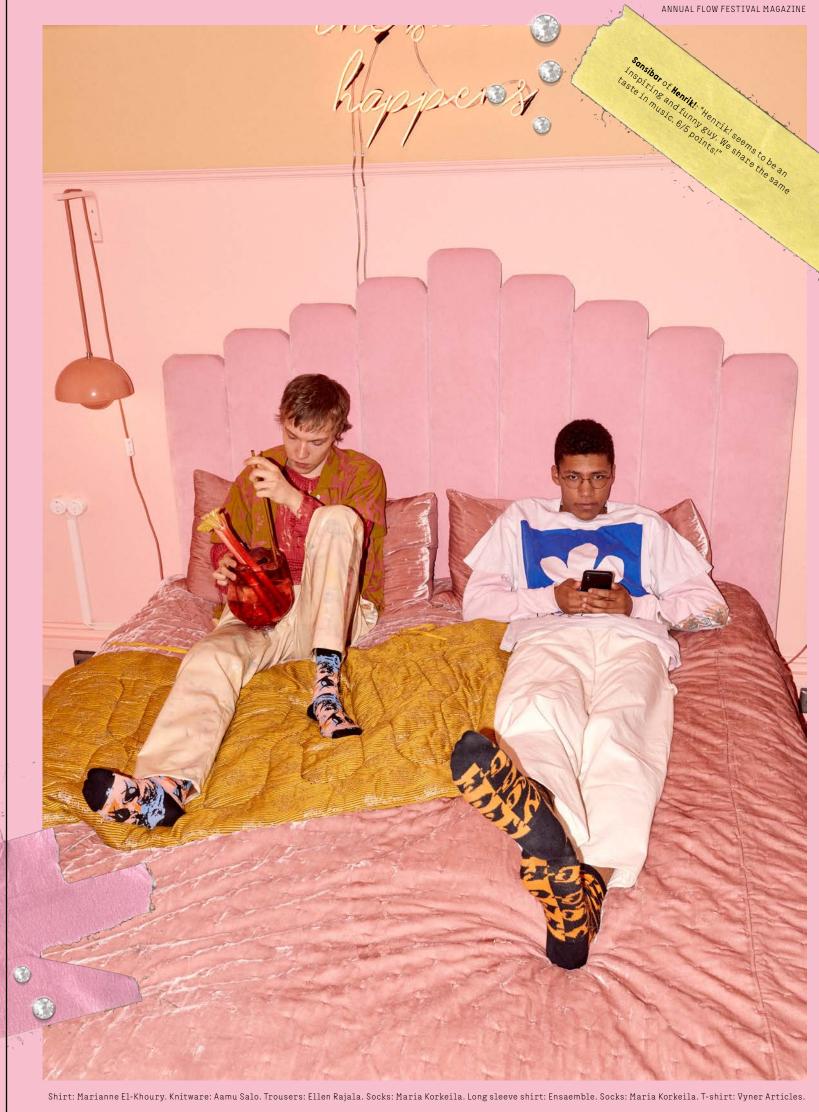












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Mill be recording a new album of "euphoria and messing around".

band. It will contain a lot of "euphoria and messing around".



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Location: Sweet Suite of Klaus K & Valio.









VENUE

OPERA HOUSE

The giant of Töölönlahti, the Finnish National Opera and Ballet, opened for arias 26 years ago. Architects Hyvämäki-Karhunen-Parkkinen designed a controversial building, Oopperatalo. The postmodern house is now even more contemporary than when it was built.

For two nights, Flow will spread to the Almi Hall, specialised in experimental productions. The hall is named after the opera's longtime director Alfons Almi who struggled to get the first real Opera House to be build in Finland.

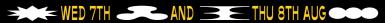


AUTOBIOGRAPHY EDITS

"Dancing is a form of physical thinking", Wayne McGregor has said. He combines art and science - genetics, math and dance - to reveal the most intimate facts about himself. For Autobiography Edits his genome was sequenced by scientists and converted to an algorithm that is the backbone of the dance sections. Ten dancers perform a different selection of McGregor's DNA.



Company Wayne McGregor & Jlin: Autobiography Edits Sinjin Hawke & Zora Jones Live A/V At Finnish National Opera





MUSICIAN

The experimental electronic musician **Jlin** will perform live music for the DNA choreography. The American producer was associated with footwork, the hyperactive post-house but has later escaped categories. In 2017, Company Wayne McGregor commissioned her to compose the score to Autobiography. According to Pitchfork it is "an accomplished album full of puckish invention, singular production twists, and ambient murk".

After the Opera shows Jlin brings her brandnew collaboration with the visual artist Theresa Baumgartner to Flow's The Other Sound on Friday



OPENING

SINJIN HAWKE & ZORA JONES

Once a bright future of cyborgs, next a digital dystopia. The opening act Sinjin Hawke & Zora Jones are known for their work with other pioneers of electronic expression. Hawke produced Kanye West and Zora Jones have worked with the main act Jlin. The duo's audiovisual project Fractal Fantasy combines sound, image and motion capture technology. Their huge, shapeshifting avatars are projected on the screen, mimicking their every move and gesture.

CHOREOGRAPHER

WAYNE MCGREGOR

The Resident Choreographer of The Royal Ballet Wayne McGregor has worked with prestigious ballet companies around the world. His touring company of dancers, Company Wayne McGregor will conquer Helsinki with it's hit piece Autobiography Edits.

The Commander of the Order of the British Empire has used his knowledge of movement when working in film, theatre, opera, fashion, technology and TV - from Harry Potter films to Radiohead's music videos.

McGregor has created musical collaborations with The White Stripes, Jamie xx, Steve Reich and Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho to name a few.



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Ime Heals 33 TEXT Marko Ylitalo Hayley Lee **IMAGES**

Why don't you people come to my gigs, when I could die at any minute!

That's what **Stina Koistinen** thought at the age of 24. She was studying music in Helsinki and had just started a band. Only a little earlier, a rare cancerous tumour had been found in her brain. Still, she wanted to make the music without limitations, while she had the time. This was nine years ago.

"They'll be sorry, when I'm gone, and they didn't come to my gigs, I thought," Koistinen, now 33, says and laughs.

Standing next to her, **Astrid Swan**, 37, is smiling. She also has incurable cancer.

"Cancer brought us together."

Their recent co-produced EP is called *Swan/Koistinen*, and the duo will be performing at *F*low together with the Canadian musician **Owen Pallett**.

Two years ago, the violinist **Pekka Kuusisto** invited Swan and Koistinen to perform at Our Festival.

The singers had known about each other's illnesses for years but weren't friends until they met earlier that summer in the queue to the bathroom at Sideways Festival. They went out for coffee, and Swan invited Koistinen to her 35th birthday party.

In their first collaborative concert at Our Festival, they talked about being artists in hospital corridors, performed their solo songs and gave their first performance of Swan/Koistinen material.

The songs came together in a short period of time. The compositions and lyrics were written by the two artists together. There was enough material for an album, but Swan and Koistinen wanted to release only four of the songs. Only the most important songs were included, which emphasises their uniqueness.

In addition to piano and electronic sounds, the EP, which has been described as a pop symphony, includes sounds from an MRI machine.

The themes of the songs deal with bodily experience, fragility of life and marginalised voices. Illness can be heard in the names of the songs:

Diagnosis, Hospital, Symptoms.

Swan and Koistinen want to redefine the concept of an ill woman. Instead of a sad, pathetic character waiting for death, they want to present a strong woman, who enjoys being alive.

"Everyone's life is fragile. A lot of people live a limited life in some sense, disabled or wounded, but life is valuable nonetheless. You can enjoy it, but also take responsibility for being alive and do something meaningful."

When you talk publicly about cancer, the illness easily defines you. However, music by Swan and Koistinen was created as a result of cancer.

In the winter of 2013, everything changed.

Swan found a lump in her breast. She didn't go to the doctor straight away but waited for four months. The nurse calmed her down, saying there's no way it's cancer – after all, Swan was only 31.

A few weeks later, a doctor examined the lump and again reassured Swan that it couldn't be cancer. Just to be sure, Swan was sent for further examinations. After the mammography and biopsies, the doctor had to admit to being wrong.

The cancer was aggressive. Only a month later, Swan had her right breast removed and suffered hair loss from chemotherapy. The rest of her album release tour had to be cancelled.

Stina Koistinen had been there at the first gig of the tour. It was a celebration of a comeback album, *Astrid 4*. It was an album in which the artist was saying goodbye to her youthful dreams of becoming an international popstar.

"I remember seeing Stina in the frontrow of the gig".

"I knew already then that you were ill", Koistinen tells Swan.

"I told your spouse that if Astrid ever needs someone to talk to, you can always contact me. I never got a message from you, but maybe it was too soon."

After that gig, the next time Swan performed was six months later, at Flow Festival in August 2014.

Performing was different than before; people were crying.

Since then, Swan's concerts have been a place, where people can be "truly weak".

Not

ASTRID SWAN AND STINA KOISTINEN WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY CHRONIC CANCER.









Koistinen's illness had begun earlier.

She had such bad headaches, that the pain killers and the stretching routine she received from the health care centre weren't enough anymore. Once her face began to go numb, she went to see a neurologist. The cause of Koistinen's headache turned out to be a tumour in her pineal gland, which caused a disruption in the cerebrospinal fluid circulation.

After an MRI scan, she went straight to brain surgery.

It was spring 2010, a Monday. Koistinen thought cancelling her gig on the following Friday would be unnecessary.

"I was determined to perform, even with 16 stiches in my head", Koistinen recalls.

"Well, it turned out we had to cancel the gig."

After the surgery, the tumour was biopsied, and it was a very rare kind of cancer. The diagnosis was a terrible shock. Luckily, the tumour disappeared with radiation.

Three years later, in 2013, Koistinen's alternative pop band Color Dolor released their debut album. That same year, the cancer came back, and so did the radiation therapy.

At times, it looked like the treatment had worked and the tumour had shrunk, but then the next scan would reveal an enlarged pineal gland. The treatment was so tough, that sometimes it had to be paused. Still, Koistinen continued making music.

"I have actually been quite defiant, just like Astrid. I haven't really given my illness any space. Though it wasn't always very wise, I have toured during my radiation. It was strange; I was super tired, but in a way it held my life together."

Swan understands what Koistinen means all too well. She thought she was cured, until in the summer of 2017, when she found out that the cancer had spread to her liver, bones and lymph nodes. It was a death sentence.

Swan started chemotherapy again. She couldn't be in large crowds but continued to perform at festivals. She needed a private bathroom because even a common cold could kill her.

"Afterwards, I remember thinking if it was really necessary to perform in that condition. But back then, it seemed extremely important. It held me together even though I was exhausted both before and after the gigs. I got annoved when people would fuss over me."

The real fussing about began in the summer of 2017, after Swan had written a long blog post:

At 35 and a half, I am a chronic cancer patient with Stage IV breast cancer. Instead of a summer of cooling in the breeze with my long hair blowing, and my spaghetti-shoulder dresses flowing, I have been a bold woman struggling with chemo side-effects and the mental adjustments that one makes with this re-diagnosis.

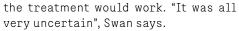
That spring, she had released her sixth album, From the Bed and Beyond, which dealt with the fear of dying and the wonder of staying alive.

goodbye although the writer had meant to say something very different. Swan said that she had already begun planning her 40th birthday party. However, a lot of people assumed her next performance at Flow Festival would be her last.

"According to the headlines, I was waiting to be buried. It really wasn't

Swan herself remembers very little about her performance at Flow. Before the festival she'd been on tour for six months, performing her new album. Right from the start, the gigs had been a cathartic experience for the audience, even before Swan knew the cancer had spread. It was the music that made people cry, not the illness, Swan believes.

At the Flow gig, many people close The blog post was interpreted as a to Swan knew there was no guarantee



Despite the illness, both women have always been hopeful. Koistinen's brain tumour cannot be operated on, but there's always hope that it doesn't spread further. At the moment, Koistinen only goes to check-ups, while Swan has treatment every three weeks to keep the cancer cells asleep.

"You have a free ride", Swan says to Koistinen.

Sometimes, the fear of dying gets hold of Koistinen.

If you start thinking about death, it's simply horrifying. It's strange and unknown.

"I've also had a few moments when the reality that I'm dying has really sunkin", Swan says. "Or when I received the information that this might lead to death, it really felt agonizing and unbearable."

Without new targeted treatment, Swan's time is reaching its end. The average life expectancy for women with advanced breast cancer is about three

"I am constantly living in a grey area, where I'm more conscious about my death than most people are. But most of the time, I'm not thinking about it. If I would, I couldn't do anything."

"Yeah, it really takes away your ability to function and the joy out of life", Koistinen agrees.

"Then again, to some extent, being aware of death is like a favourable wind". Swan savs.

Joking, she says she wants to think of death as a sort of a wonderful holiday.

"I can't stand how stupid people can be! It feels comforting that someday I won't have to follow the discussion about the Finnish elections."

The EP still needed someone to do the arrangement. Swan and Koistinen had asked violinist Pekka Kuusisto about whom they should ask if they wanted "an Owen Pallett style". Pallett is a Canadian violinist-singer who has done string arrangements for artists like Frank Ocean and Charlotte Gainsbourg. He used to perform under the name Final Fantasy.

Kuusisto could probably have taken the job for himself but decided to ask Pallett.

Creating **Tensions**

The Finns haven't met Pallett vet,

the collaboration has been done re-

motely. They will meet for the first

time when Pallett arrives in Helsinki

a few days before Flow Festival. Swan

and Koistinen would like to take their

guest to sauna and the archipelago but

fear they won't have time to leave their

play the violin, and Swan and Koistinen

will play the piano. In addition to the

EP songs, they will perform "some sort

of a set of everyone's material". For

now, this will be their first and last

The gig is not meant to be a sad

event. Swan and Koistinen hope that the

audience won't be there to see cancer

patients but ambitious artists instead.

Seriously ill people are often seen as

victims, but the compassion they re-

to see anyone just because they're ill.

Maybe Astrid's audience might be dif-

ferent because she's made an album

says. "Come without pity - because pity

"How should I put it nicely", Swan

about her illness", Koistinen says.

"I doubt my audience would come

ceive easily turns into pity.

At the Flow concert, Pallett will

practice studio.

performance together.

Owen Pallett still smokes sometimes. Today, in the beginning of May, is a four-cigarette day in his hometown Toronto. Pallett picks up the phone on his way to grab some eggs.

"My boyfriend said we don't have enough eggs. So when I wake up in the morning I go down to the corner store where they sell cigarettes one by one. I buy maybe two or three depending how many I think I want to smoke."

Pallett has recently shot a new video for his upcoming album which will be released later this year. It will be his third Owen Pallett record - previously he released two albums under the name Final Fantasy. At the moment he is also doing orchestral arrangements for a band of his friends.

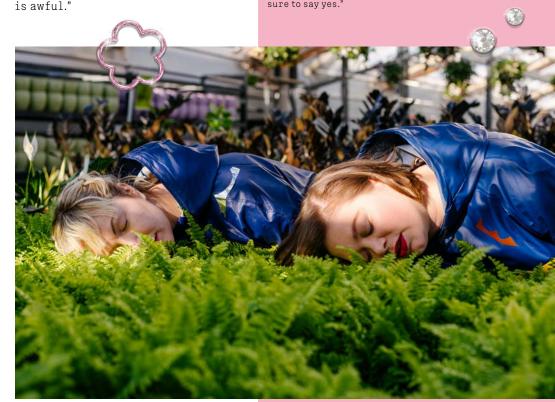
"They gave me 45 minutes of music that I have to score for a full orchestra. That's really like two or three weeks of work but I try to do it in three days."

Pallett gets a lot of requests to do arrangements for other musicians The reason he agreed to work with **Swan** and **Koistinen** wasn't because he had too much spare time on his hands. He is known for working with bands like Arcade Fire. The Last Shadow Puppets and Grizzly Bear, but rarely says no to anyone. Only when he is way too busy or doesn't like the music.

"Swan's and Koistinen's music is very moving, very harrowing, very emotional and tense. I like that. I don't think there's a lot of music out there that really succeeds in creating that sort

Pallett joins Swan and Koistinen on stage at Flow He has performed in Suvilahti three times with his band in 2009 and 2010 plus in 2017 with

"I really like the festival so it was my pleasure to say yes."







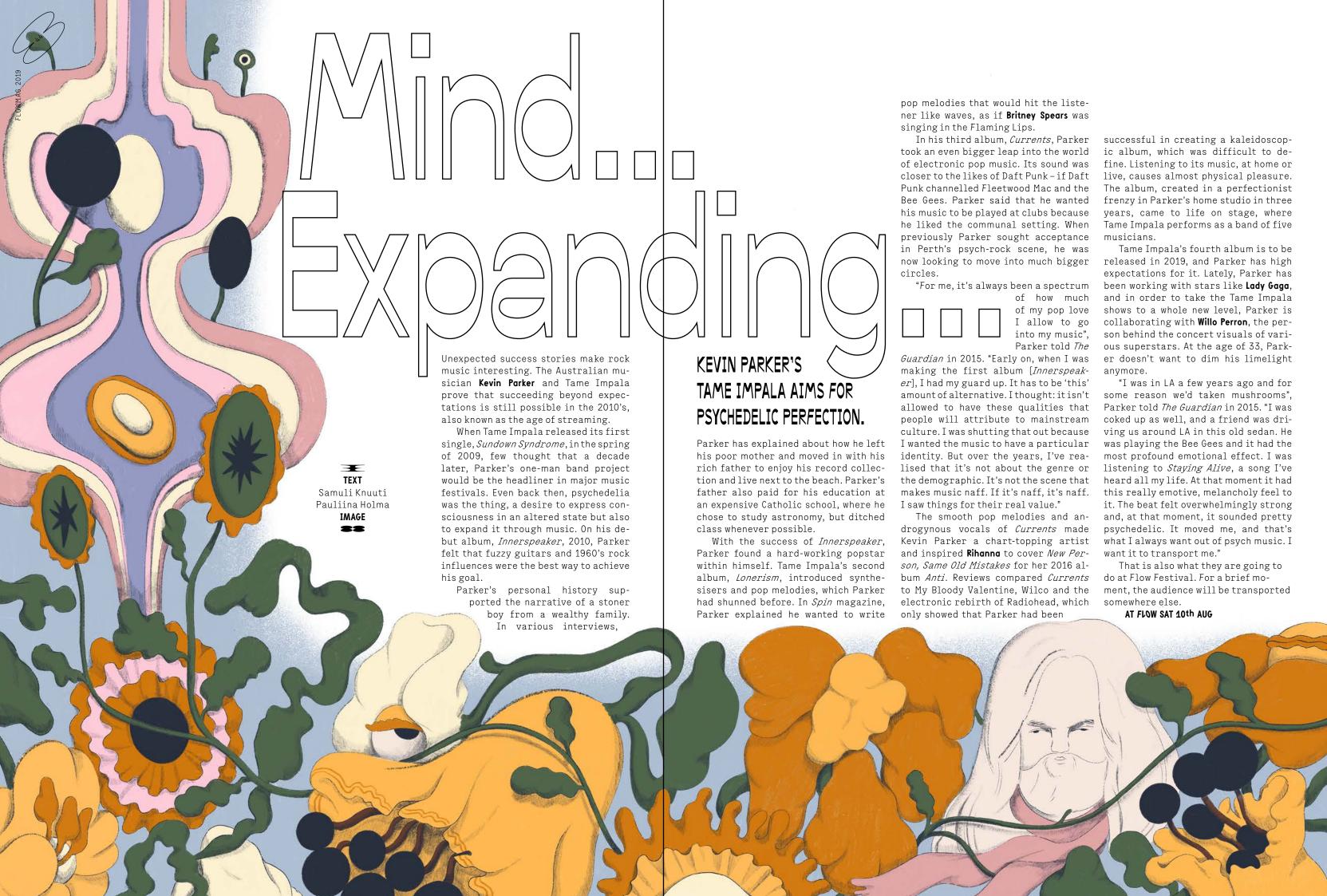




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Nitzer Ebb: Control I'm Here, 1989. At Flow Fri 9th Aug. Rough tune from the late 80's British EBM thugs is filled with tight basslines.

Ringa Manner: A perfect festival tune for when you just want to jump up and down, close your eyes and feel the strobe lights on your eyelids. I have no clue who they are but I hope they are scheduled to play late at Flow, ha ha!

Jesse Markin: I'm not a big fan of strobe lights...The things that matter to me in music were not really present here. It might have worked better as an instrumental dance tune, although it didn't make me want to bust a move. I didn't get a clear picture in my head...a flash of Berlin maybe.

Manner: I agree.

Markin: It would be a good soundtrack tune. What is that Al Pacino film where he is solving a murder case at an underground club? *Cruising*? People are dressed in leather, there's red lights and tension. This would work in it.

Manner: Clubbing montage.



K-Hand: Global Warning, 1994. At Flow Sun 11th Aug. Intensive no-nonsense track from a dynamic Detroit techno producer, released by Warp Records in the 90's.

Manner: Pretty merciless!

Markin: Whoa. Yeah. A bit predictable. It bothered me that the song started out the same way it finished.

Manner: It sounded more like a state of mind than a composition.

Markin: Are you ever in that state of mind? That jammed?

Manner: Yeah, sometimes. It had that "pscccht, pscccht, pscccht" on every fucking beat. It sounded like you're being repeatedly slapped in the face and you're just like "whaa?" Markin: I would classify this as proper techno. Like why did they even have any lyrics in it?

Manner: Yeah. Although I do understand that if a song has a repeating vocal sample it can create a hypnotic feel at best, especially if it comes out of a massive sound system.



Amnesia Scanner: AS Too Wrong, 2018. At Flow Sat 10th Aug

Experimental club tune from a Berlin-based Finnish duo shakes listeners with its bass drop.

Manner: Quite dramatic!

Markin: I think this was pretty good. Especially the part with the small drop that shifted the song into a noisier gear. It began to feel like my cup of tea.

Manner: Yes! It had a good twist. I'm always into that sort of effect-laden vocals that create confusion.

Markin: A bit weird, a bit quirky.

Manner: Yes.

Markin: The soundscape brought to mind a few references. Jamie xx's Gosh for example, so this song was not exactly filled with surprises. Except for the for the drop! It would probably sound even tighter if we could blast it out on a proper soundsystem.

Manner: Yep, those kinds of bass drops feel so nice. Physically speaking too.

Markin: True, it nearly drugged me out a bit. Definitely delivered.



Theo Parrish: Overyohead, 1999. At Flow Sat 10th Aug.

Dark and moody deep house sound piece from the Detroitian underground producer.

Manner: This kind of hits the same spot as the previous track

Markin: But this one was much better!

Manner: Yes, the difference being that this is the type of music I have been digging lately. I could listen to this at home too.

Markin: Yeah, I would definitely listen to this. This song had a base that would be easy to add your own ideas to, and play around with it. At some point it felt a bit too long, though.

Manner: To me this kind of drawn-out and monotonous, yet quite a gentle song felt really good.

Markin: I liked how the song started out, it had a sensitivity to it. If the mood was right, I might even dance to it.

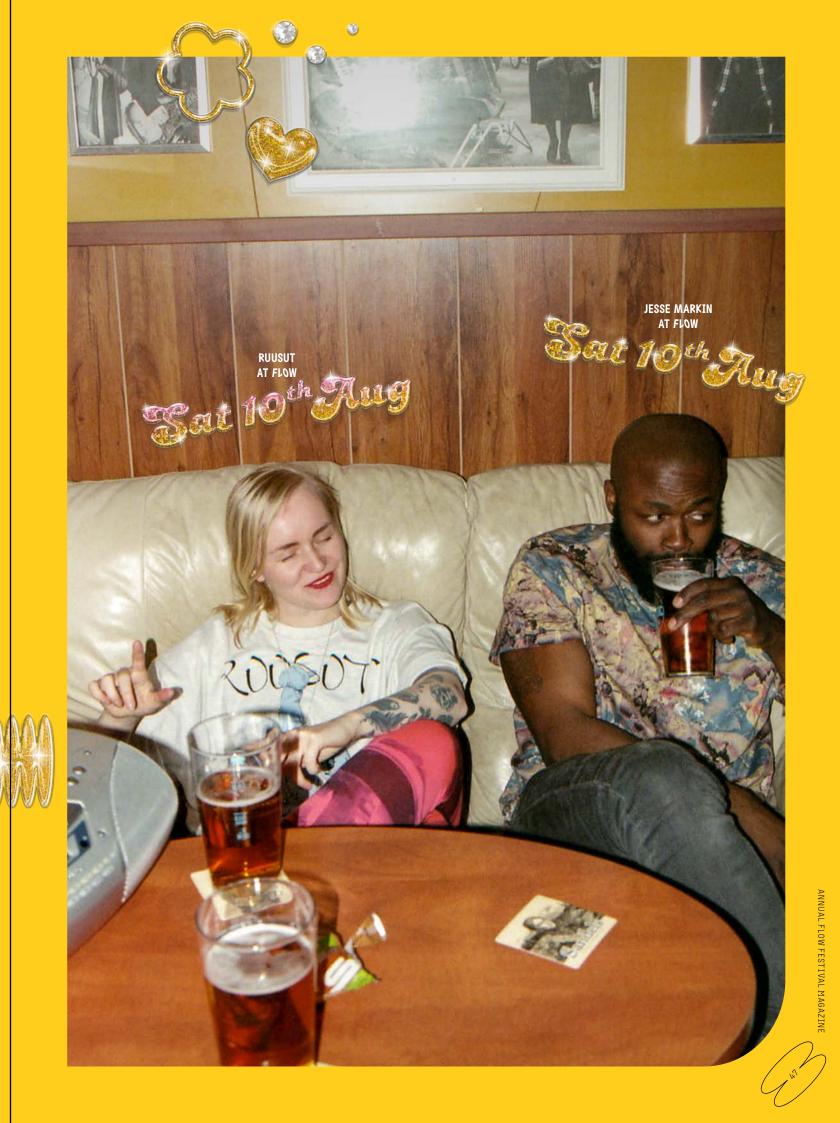
Manner: Yeah.



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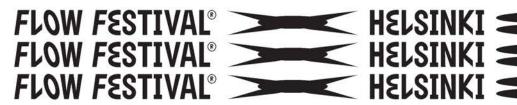


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