

Flow Festival weekend kicked off on Friday with 27,000 attendees

Intriguing artists, delicious food selection and a unique festival site attracted the party people to Suvilahti, Helsinki. The dark clouds that loomed on the sky earlier cleared away as the day progressed, and the festival-folk got to enjoy the warm rays of sunshine until the late evening. Altogether 84 000 visitors are expected throughout the Flow weekend.

The most anticipated artists on Friday's Main Stage included the mesmerizing R&B star **Solange** visiting Finland for the first time, the queen of neo-soul **Erykah Badu** wrapping the audience around her little finger, and the alternative rapper **Earl Sweatshirt**. A warm atmosphere embraced the audience of Lapin Kulta Red Arena as **Ville Valo & Agents** induced them into a spontaneous singalong. The night was crowned likewise in the Red Arena as the revolutionary **Neneh Cherry** and the current homeland favourite **Pyhimys** took the stage. The Finnish pop sensation **Maustetytöt** filled out the SEAT Black Tent to the max, and a little later **slowthai** drove the crowd wild and even brought an enthusiastic fan to the stage.

On the Nordea Globe Balloon stage, the festival folk got to enjoy the captivating shows by singer-songwriter and guitarist **Jonathan Wilson**, and drummer **Makaya McCraven** among others. Highlights of The Other Sound at Voimala included the performances of **Aïsha Devi** and **Jlin AV with Theresa Baumgartner**. Electronic music enthusiasts were also in for a treat in the Resident Advisor Front Yard, where DJs like Donato Dozzy, DJ Python, Eva Geist, and **Ash Lauryn** spun the records.

Flow's beloved party oasis, Red Garden, keeps the party going throughout the festival weekend. On Friday the crowd was entertained by various interesting norm-breaking artists, such as the mystically intense **Bernardino Femminielli**. Furthermore, Red Garden offers ballroom culture and drag art from Friday to Sunday, served on Friday by the **House of Disappointments** and **Club La Persé** with **Ray Noir**.

Flow Festival continues in Suvilahti until Sunday. Saturday's spectacles include for example **Tame Impala**, **Robyn**, **Blood Orange**, **Nao**, **Seinabo Sey**, **Gasellit**, **Ruusut**, and **Sofa**. **The Cure**, **James Blake**, **Father John Misty**, **Tove Lo**, **Modeselektor**, **Stereolab** and **Tommy Genesis** will take the stage on Sunday.

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