

Flow Festival's Balloon 360° stage lineup released

Flow Festival's landmark Balloon 360° stage's lineup includes Afro rhythms, world-class jazz, and special shows. The seated area surrounding the striking round stage enables the audience to immerse in the music in a unique way.

This year, Balloon will present **Orchestra Baobab**, one of Africa's greatest bands, that celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020. Adored both at home in Senegal and across the world, Baobab occupies a special place in the history of African music. The band's music is a unique blend of Afro-Latin styles, international pop, West African griot music, and an after-dark West African nightclub ambiance of lifting rhythms. Additionally, Balloon's program will feature **Dhafer Youssef**, known best for introducing the oud to jazz music. With his band, Youssef will perform a masterpiece, *Sounds of Mirrors*, his highly acclaimed tribute to Indian music. Taking the stage are also the Danish R&B singer **Erika de Casier** and a band combining the ancient Ugandan drum music of Buganda with techno, **Nihiloxica**.

Balloon's diverse program will include trailblazer, performer, composer, and educator **Brandee Younger**. Her recent Grammy nomination and defiant approach towards genres and etiquettes have made her a guiding light for harp music. **Alfa Mist**, who has steadily established himself as one of the most dynamic and consistent talents to emerge from London's widely celebrated jazz reformation and London-based duo **Kit Sebastian**, who captivate audiences with moments of pure pop bliss and timeless nostalgia, will also perform at the Balloon stage.

Moreover, two exceptional collaborations will occur in Balloon's extraordinary surroundings. Composer, multi-instrumentalist, and Finnish electronic music pioneer **Jimi Tenor** will perform his composition *Terra Exotica* for **UMO Helsinki Jazz Orchestra** together with the band. Furthermore, **Pepe Willberg & Jukka Eskola: Pepé** is a collaboration of legendary Finnish singer Pepe Willberg with jazz trumpet player **Jukka Eskola** and his band **Statement**. Together they will perform a tribute to two cult records, composed and produced by renowned Finnish popular musician **Otto Donner**.

Other homegrown talent presented at Balloon will include internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter **Lxandra**, jazz saxophonist Linda Fredriksson with their solo project **Linda Fredriksson Juniper**, and Finnish jazz favorites saxophone player **Timo Lassy** and drummer **Teppo Mäkynen**. In addition, the stage will be mounted by guitarist and musician **Pekka Laine** together with his band **The Enchanted**, internationally established harmonica player **Johanna Juhola** with her band **Reaktori**, singer-songwriter **Isaac Sene**, who charmed audiences across the country in the Finnish Eurovision trials, and musician combining Finnish folk tradition, electronic music, and pop, **Vilma Jää**.

The comprehensive and high-quality services surrounding the Balloon 360° stage invite festival visitors to enjoy the area. Along with quality sparkling beverages, the Champagne Bar & Lounge built beside the stage will provide feel-good DJ music during Balloon's breaks.

Flow Festival takes place in Helsinki, Finland, on the 12th–14th of August 2022. The festival will host around 150 artists. Already announced acts are:

Friday 12.8.

Gorillaz, JARV IS..., Sigrid, Aldous Harding, Pa Salieu, Nihiloxica, Alfa Mist, The Blessed Madonna, Dixon, Uncle Waffles, Kamma & Masalo, OK Williams, Yung Singh, Bianca Lexis, Zernell, Vesala, ibe - Flow exclusive, Erika Vikman, Antti Autio + Jouset, Arppa, Rosa Coste, Johanna Juhola Reaktori, Isaac Sene, Vilma Jää, Electronic Market, Katerina, Irma & Helmz, Soul Survivors

Saturday 13.8.

Florence + The Machine, Jamie xx, Princess Nokia, Freddie Gibbs, Bikini Kill, Fontaines D.C., Holly Humberstone, Orchestra Baobab, Kit Sebastian, Marcel Dettmann, Sherelle, DJ Stingray 313, Anz, Danilo Plessow / MCDE, Millos Kaisser, Bárbara Boeing, Trujillo, Gettomasa, Yeboyah, Jesse Markin, F, Malla, Linda Fredriksson Juniper, Hassan Maikal, Ege Zulu, UMO & Jimi Tenor, Lxandra, Linda Fredriksson Juniper, Antti Salonen, Mono Junk (live), Morphology (live), Lil' Tony, Hanna Ojanen, DJ Jese, Lara Silva, emkay

Sunday 14.8.

Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, Michael Kiwanuka, King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard, Fred Again..., Little Simz, DJ Koze, Acid Arab, Q, Dhafer Youssef - Sounds of Mirrors, Erika de Casier, Brandee Younger Trio, Paquita Gordon, DJ Holographic, Heléna Star, Julio Victoria (live), Jayda G, Antal, Esa, Gasellit, Sexmane, William, Louie Blue, Pepe Willberg & Jukka Eskola: Pepé, Timo Lassy & Teppo Mäkynen duo, Pekka Laine & The Enchanted, Eric Filipus, Jenifa, Zoukous

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See the full program for Flow Festival on the website: <https://www.flowfestival.com/en/artists/>.

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3-day ticket: 205 €

2-day ticket: 185 €

1-day ticket: 115 €

3-day Gold Area ticket: 295 €

1-day Gold Area ticket: 185€

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