

Black Midi and Mdou Moctar perform at Flow Festival

English experimental rock band Black Midi and Tuareg guitarist Mdou Moctar have been added to Flow Festival's Sunday lineup. In addition, Dhafer Youssef has had to cancel his performance at Flow. Further, the festival has made some changes to its Sunday schedule.

The praised English rock band **Black Midi** arrives to complete the Flow Sunday program. Playing math rock and post-punk, the band's debut studio album *Schlagenheim* was released in 2019 through the iconic Rough Trade Records and gained hailing reviews as well as a nomination for the Mercury Prize. Since then, Black Midi has been considered one of the most exciting rock bands of recent years. The band's third album, *Hellfire*, was released just last July with a raving reception from both the public and critics. Known for their explosive live shows, the band makes a cheerful and awaited return to Finland at Flow.

The exceptional Tuareg guitarist and songwriter Mdou Moctar has also been added to Flow's Sunday. With the celebrated 2021 album, *Afrique Victime* Mdou Moctar and his band rose to the consciousness of Western listeners. The band boldly reforges contemporary Saharan music and rock music by melding guitar shredding, full-blast noise, and field recordings with poetic meditations on love, religion, women's rights, inequality, and West Africa's exploitation at the hands of colonial powers. New York Times, Pitchfork and The Guardian all named *Afrique Victime* as one of 2021's strongest albums, and the band is steadily charming more audiences while touring the world.

Dhafer Youssef, set to perform at Balloon 360° on Sunday, has regrettably had to cancel his performance at Flow due to Covid.

Flow Festival takes place in Helsinki, Finland, on the 12th–14th of August 2022.

The festival will host around 150 artists. Performing are Gorillaz, Florence + The Machine, Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds, Burna Boy, Jamie xx, Michael Kiwanuka, JARV IS..., Princess Nokia, MØ, Sigrid, Bikini Kill, Freddie Gibbs, Fred Again..., and many more.

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

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