

Flow Festival's Balloon 360° stage lineup revealed

Balloon 360° stage is Flow Festival's unique landmark known for its musically broad lineup. This year, the enchanting venue will present a versatile group of inspiring musicians, such as Grammy-awarded multi-instrumentalist Meshell Ndegeocello, legendary reggae singer Horace Andy and band, as well as jazz and ambient musician and producer Nala Sinephro. Additionally, Eddie Palmieri, previously announced for the program, has had to cancel his appearance at Flow due to health reasons.

On Friday, the 11th of August, the acclaimed Caribbean-Belgian composer, producer and musician **Nala Sinephro**, whose music combines meditative sounds, jazz sensitivity, folk music and field recordings, will take the Balloon stage. Assembled by DJ and producer Esa Williams, **Esa's Afro-Synth Band ft. Kamazu**, building exciting rhythms and grooves with synthesisers and percussion instruments, will also arrive to perform at Balloon. In addition, domestic artists on the stage on Friday will include Tuomo Prättälä and Markus Nordenstreng's indie folk and Americana-inspired duo **Tuomo & Markus** featuring trumpeter **Verner Pohjola**, the previously announced ambassadors of Finnish cumbia **Ne Galaktiset** and singer-songwriter, actor and activist **Elsi Sloan**, who released their debut album in February.

On Saturday the 12th, Grammy-winning multi-instrumentalist **Meshell Ndegeocello**, whose extensive music catalogue includes recordings from soul, jazz, funk, hip-hop, reggae, to rock, will perform on the iconic Balloon stage. In the summer of 2023, Ndegeocello will release a new album, *The Omnichord Real Book*, her first record in nine years. In addition, the Ghanaian gospel group **Alogte Oho & His Sounds of Joy** and **Arp Frique & Family**, combining disco, afrobeat and funk, led by the versatile musician, artist and producer Arp Frique, will take the stage. American singer, guitarist and **Jake Xerxes Fussell**, a strong candidate for one of his generation's most significant interpreters of folk songs, and Finnish jazz composer and double bassist Kaisa Mäensivu's band **Kaisa's Machine**, will also be seen on Balloon's Saturday. Unfortunately, **Eddie Palmieri**, previously announced for Saturday's program, has had to cancel all his European shows, including his performance at Flow, due to health reasons.

On Sunday the 13th, the legendary reggae voice **Horace Andy** takes Balloon over with the **Dub Asante Band** and **Matic Horns**. With a more than fifty-year career, Andy is still as relevant as ever – the respected artist released his critically acclaimed album *Midnight Rocker* last year. In addition, the Korean **Balming Tiger**, describing itself as an alternative K-pop group, and the Grammy-nominated duo **DOMi & JD Beck**, known for their hyperactive futuristic mix of progressive jazz, hip-hop and R&B, will also perform at Balloon. On Sunday, the renowned pianist and keyboard player **Olli Ahvenlahti** with his recent project *The Poet 2*, **Valtteri Laurell Nonet**, inspired by the cool jazz of the 1960s, and singer-songwriter **Sonia**, drawing from indie folk and electronic pop, will also perform at Balloon.

The three-day tickets for Flow Festival are on sale for the price of 225 € until May 1st. On May 2nd, the price of the three-day ticket will go up to 239 €.

Flow Festival takes place for the last time in its current location at Suvilahti, Helsinki, on the 11th–13th of August, 2023. The festival will host around 150 artists. Already announced acts include **Lorde, Blur, Wizkid, Christine & The Queens, Tove Lo, Devo, Pusha T, Caroline Polachek, Suede, Moderat**, and many more.

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

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