

ESPAVISION PRESENTS TWO HELSINKI SUMMER FESTIVALS 11.-12. MAY

High-level Finnish jazz and modern folk music in the middle of Helsinki

Espavision is a showcase for two Helsinki summer festivals, Jazz-Espa and Etno-Espa. During the two days you will hear some of the most interesting and high-level contemporary folk and jazz groups of Finland. On stage on Friday there is an energetic modern folk music group **Tsuumi Sound System** celebrating the release of their fifth album, and **Mr Fonebone**, one of the most innovative jazz groups on the Finnish scene. Saturday will be opened by **Oddarrang**, a group that received the annual Emma award (Finland's equivalent of a Grammy) for the best Jazz Album of the Year 2006. The second group of the day is **Spontaani Vire**, which plays unique modern folk and traditional Finnish music with incredible groove.

Espavision is organised in cooperation by Etno-Espa Association and The Finnish Jazz Federation. The event is supported by Finnish Composers' Copyright Society Teosto. Satu Kaarenoja, the director of communications of Teosto says:

"The Eurovision victory of Lordi was a great triumph for all Finns, giving a healthy push to the nation's self-esteem. The flush of victory will be repeated during the Eurovision Contest in Helsinki. However, only a few inhabitants of the capital will be able to experience the Contest live. In order to offer all residents, Eurovision guests and other travellers a chance to enjoy diverse Finnish music live, right in the heart of the city, the Composers' Copyright Society Teosto chose a partnership with Espavision, which is an excellent premium of the Eurovision."

PROGRAM:

Friday 11th May

4:30 pm Tsuumi Sound System
6:30 pm Mr Fonebone

Saturday 12th May

12 noon Oddarrang
2:00 pm Spontaani Vire

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