

Finnland. Cool. – Cultural Programme in the City

Around 120 Finnish Literary and Cultural Events will be held during the Frankfurt Book Fair

Under the motto "Finnland. Cool." the Finns are launching their literature out into the world. But not only the exhibition grounds are the showground for the Finnish Guest of Honour presentation, but also in the city will be numerous opportunities to closely experience Finnish literature or to take a deep dive into the cultural treasures of this Nordic country. More than 20 cultural institutions created in co-operation with Finland. Cool. a top-class programme in Frankfurt. "At different places in the city we like to inspire the people with the literature and culture of our country. Our Finland. Cool. programme shall invite everybody to experience Finland with all senses", states Iris Schwanck, Director of Finland. Cool. "We will demonstrate our passion with Finnish Tango and dance-performances or show our creative potential by film evenings and unusual perspectives in our photography exhibitions. We bring Finnish poetry to the streets or in public saunas where our authors invite the people to literary infusions. Our authors will also come to spontaneous readings to private living rooms in Frankfurt and present themselves at the Open Books reading festival. We hope that we can show Frankfurt during the days of the Book Fair that we Finns are more cool than melancholic and that we have much more to show than just crazy competitions, clanging cold or nightless nights."

Meet Finnish Authors

60 Finnish authors are guests in Frankfurt during the Frankfurt Book Fair and read from their works at many places throughout the city. Therefore the people of Frankfurt and international guests can experience Finnish best-selling author Katja Kettu, artist and writer Rax Rinnekangas, Finland's queen of crime, Leena Lehtolainen, or Mooses Mentula in the scope of Open Books for example. Finnish voices are also present at the Frankfurt Literaturbahnhof incl. the famous Finland-Swedish author Kjell Westö, crime authors Taavi Soininvaara and Matti Rönkä or Finnish Weird author Pasi Ilmari Jääskeläinen. Ice cold crimes are also presented at the Frankfurt City Library with a Finnish crime evening (October 9th) or at the bookstore

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"Die Wendeltreppe" with the crime reading with Pekka Hiltunen. One of the top events is certainly the reading by Finnish star author Sofi Oksanen on October 8th at the Schauspiel Frankfurt. She will read from her latest novel *When the Doves Disappeared* which is about occupation, resistance and collaboration in Estonia during and following the Second World War.

Kalevala, Tango and Fine Arts – Finland's Cultural Assets on Board

Kalevala, the national epic of the Finns, has the largest influence on the national consciousness of the Finns and the development of the Finnish language. With the probably most important literary work of the Finns, the Klingspohr-Museum in Offenbach shall be exploring this with the exhibition "Schiffsholz für den Sänger: Das Kalevala-Projekt" (01.10.-23.11.2014). There is also a Kalevala reading with Tilman Spreckelsen in the scope of Open Books at the Frankfurter Kunstverein. In Finland sweating in the sauna is an elementary part of the culture. No wonder that the otherwise so cool Finns also do not wish to miss out on their daily "sweat cure" during the Frankfurt Book Fair and are sending young Finnish poets in a mobile sauna across Germany to Frankfurt. The Frankfurter Garten at Danziger Platz shall be transformed into the "Sweat and Poetry Garden" during the Book Fair, where spoken word poetry from Finland fires up body and soul with its strong gestures, rhythms and emotions. Who seeks peace and relaxation in the city's saunas during the Book Fair, may experience that instead of the sauna master, a Finnish author administers a poetic infusion.

A cross-section of Finnish art is show at art exhibitions and performances at museums and institutes in the city: a glimpse at contemporary Finnish art is presented at the exhibition **Matters of Time: Artists from Finland** at Frankfurter Kunstverein (25/7-12/10/2014). The future of Finland as an architectural nation is the subject of the exhibition **Suomi Seven. Junge Architekten aus Finnland** at Deutsches Architekturmuseum (6/9/2014-18/1/2015). Contemporary flows from picture book illustration and cartoon art from Finland can be discovered at the exhibition **BY – Das Dorf** at Bibliothekszentrum Sachsenhausen of Stadtbücherei Frankfurt (23/9-11/10/2014). Exhibited are BY-house installations by Maija Hurme and Anna Härmälä. The BY-houses of all further participants shall be shown at the Guest of Honour pavilion in the Forum and in hall 3 at the Book Fair. In the photography exhibition **The Loveliest Girl in the World** Miina Savolainen sets the girls from an orphanage into scene (26/9-

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19/10/2014). A journey through the history of Finland is undertaken by the exhibition **Via Finlandia** at Zentralbibliothek of Stadtbücherei Frankfurt. Three theme nights on various historical events supplement the exhibition (29/9-5/11/2014). The Schirn Kunsthalle is devoted to a comprehensive solo exhibition on **Helene Schjerfbeck**, one of the most important Finnish artists of the 20th century. A special view on Finland will be presented by the **Finnland. Videobar.** at the Gallus-Zentrum. Finnish comic artist Petri Koikkalainen presents a colourful mixture of video tapes and allows the public to dive into the world of Finland. Cool. (2/10/2014). The **Potretti** exhibition at Fotografieforum Frankfurt (4/10-23/11/2014) is devoted to a contemporary Finnish portrait photography forum. Under the title **Run Wild Stay Cool** (4-12/10/2014) the Mousonturm will be showing for ten days the most up to date and attention grabbing that the Finnish dance scene has to offer. New perspectives on the apparently well-known will be opened by artist and writer Rosa Liksom with her **BURKA** photography project at Haus am Dom (6-26/10/2014, opening night with reading on 5/10.). Based on the famous Midnight Sun Film Festival, that is held each year shortly before midsummer 120 kilometres north of the polar circle in Lapland and puts the international world of film under its spell, the cinema Orfeo's Erben is presenting a series of films under the title **Midnight Sun Film Festival** in Frankfurt (9 to 11/10/2014). The cinema at Deutsches Filmmuseum is devoted to an extensive retrospective on **Aki Kaurismäki** (29/8-8/10/2014) and the film series **Carte Blanche** with seven Finnish filmed books and three own works (8-31/10/2014) curated by Peter van Bagh, who has recently passed away.

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