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KADRI VOORAND & MIHKEL MÄLGAND (EE)

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL AT 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

BALTIC CLUBNIGHT, ZENTRUM FÜR KUNST

Kadri Voorand is an Estonian singer-songwriter who has refined her art of emotional storytelling into an impactful musical happening, with magical improvisations blending jazz and folk. Raised in a Northern Estonian fishing village, she grew up immersed in folk traditions and later studied at top European music academies. A celebrated artist with numerous awards, Kadri's live performances, often alongside bassist Mihkel Mälgand, transcend genres and languages. Her shows, from EFG London Jazz Festival to Beijing Nine Gates, showcase her as one of Europe's most authentic jazz performers.

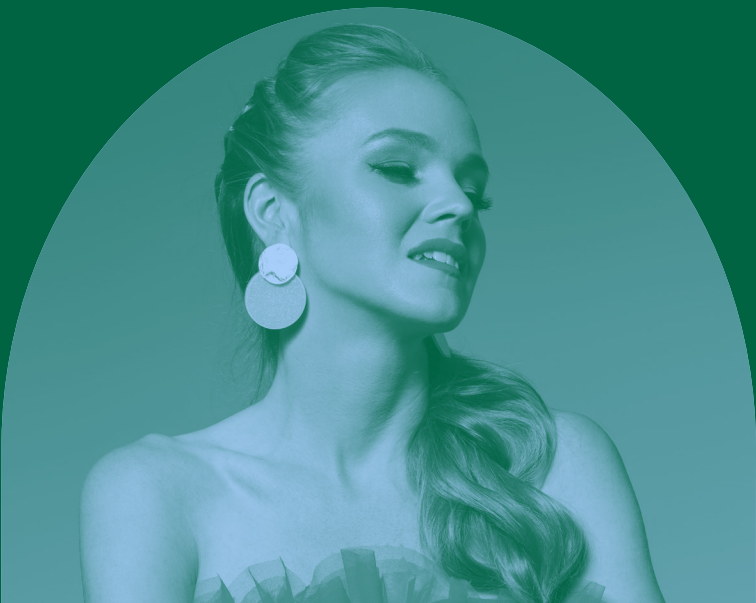


SVANTE SÖDERQVIST - THE ROCKET (SE, EE) TUULIKKI BARTOSIK - ADAM FORKELID - CALLE RASMUSSEN

SATURDAY, 26 APRIL AT 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

HALLE 71

The Rocket seamlessly unites the Svante Söderqvist Trio from Sweden, featuring pianist Adam Forkelid and drummer Calle Rasmusson, with Estonian-Swedish accordion innovator Tuulikki Bartosik. At the helm, Svante Söderqvist leads the ensemble with his distinctive jazz artistry, showcasing his talents on double bass, cello, and occasional wordless vocals. His soulful compositions lay the foundation for the group's musical exploration. Tuulikki Bartosik enriches the soundscape with her expressive accordion and nuanced electronic effects. Together, these four versatile musicians create a dynamic interplay, blending acoustic and electronic elements, bridging the old and the new, and weaving the familiar with the unexpected.



ORGANISATIONS

MUSIC ESTONIA

musicestonia.eu

Music Estonia is a music industry development center and export office in Estonia, representing over 100 music companies.

It is a member of EMEE, Live DMA, and EMMA, and a partner in various European projects. Music Estonia has two branches – Music Estonia Live and Music Estonia Managers.



AVE SOPHIA DEMELEMESTER

Director

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Ave Sophia Demelemester, currently serving her second term as Director of Music Estonia, previously held the position of Executive Director at Jazz Estonia. She has also contributed to the field of music as a guest author and radio host at Estonian Public Broadcasting, including Klassikaraadio, as well as other media outlets. She is the first Estonian Ambassador for Keychange and a member of the Music Endowment Committee of the Cultural Endowment of Estonia. Additionally, since 2024, she has served as the General Secretary on the board of EMEE, the European Music Exporters Exchange.



GREETE PARŠIN

Project Manager

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Greete Paršin joined Music Estonia with a rich background in cultural management. Her expertise, gained as a music manager for Holy Motors and roles at prestigious labels like Beggars Group and Wharf Cat Records in NYC, aligns perfectly with ME mission. Greete's experience in promoting music globally, combined with her creative approach at organising events, marketing cultural products and services and running her own retail business equips her to significantly advance Estonian music on the global scale.

JAZZ ESTONIA

jazz.ee

Jazz Estonia aims to develop and advance Estonian jazz music both at home and abroad. It organises concerts and thematic events, collects and shares information about Estonian jazz music and musicians, facilitates cooperation projects, and seeks additional funding to further develop Estonian jazz.



KIRKE KARJA

Chairman

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Estonian artist Kirke Karja has studied piano, composition, and free improvisation. In 2022, she completed her doctoral studies in jazz music composition. Her main projects include the international trio Karja/Renard/Wandinger and solo performances. Karja also composes music and creates arrangements, having written original works for orchestras. She is the Chairman of the Board of Jazz Estonia and is responsible for international relations.



JAAK SOOÄÄR

Vice Chairman

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Guitarist Jaak Sooäär has been one of the most active jazz musicians in the Baltics over the last decades. He was the first Chairman of the Estonian Jazz Union (2004–2009) and remains on the board to this day. Sooäär has received major music awards in Estonia, including Jazz Album of the Year, the Annual Prize of the Cultural Endowment, and the National Culture Prize of Estonia. He appears on more than 50 albums.international relations.



ELO-LIIS PARMAS

Executive Director

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Elo-Liis Parmas has worked in the cultural field since 2004, previously serving as a producer, project manager, and marketer in the theatre, music, and film industries. As the Executive Director of Jazz Estonia, she is responsible for the organisation's daily operations and management team, and she represents Jazz Estonia both locally and internationally.

ESTONIAN NATIONAL BROADCASTING (ERR)

err.ee

ERR is Estonia's public broadcasting company, with a mission to offer high-quality journalism and a wide range of public media services. ERR is the most trusted media company and one of the most trusted public institutions in Estonia.



IVO HEINLOO

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Ivo Heinloo has worked as a music journalist since 2007. He has been a producer and host at Klassikaraadio since 2014, specializing in jazz and world music.



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ARTISTS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS



EVA SAAR

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Eva Saar works in Jazzkaar festival productions and marketing, contributing to the creation of an interesting and unique programme. Jazzkaar is one of the flagship cultural events in Estonia and the largest jazz festival in the Baltic countries. In addition to the main spring event, Jazzkaar also organises the Christmas Jazz Festival – an intimate two-week festival that fills churches, concert halls, and clubs at the end of November and beginning of December with beautiful jazz music.



KADRI VOORAND

Artist
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Kadri Voorand is an Estonian singer-songwriter whose unique blend of traditional music, folk, jazz, and improvisational pop, along with her compelling storytelling, makes her one of the most authentic live performers in Europe's jazz scene today.

KADRI VOORAND & MIHKEL MÄLGAND (EE)

Friday, 25 April at 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM
Baltic CLUBNIGHT,
Zentrum für Kunst



LAURI KADALIPP

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Lauri Kadalipp is an award-winning Estonian composer, producer, and multi-instrumentalist. He is the founder and current artistic director of the New Wind Jazz Orchestra. He has played a central role in the Estonian jazz scene, curating the lineup for Philly Joe's Jazz Club (2018–2020) and serving on the board of Jazz Estonia, including as chairman (2019–2023).



MAREK UNT

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Marek Unt is a marketing and creative strategist with extensive experience in brand development. He works with Kadri Voorand on presenting her music and story to international audiences, including creative direction for releases and live performances.



MINGO RAJANDI

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Mingo Rajandi is a composer, double bass player, and leader of various ensembles. She initiates interdisciplinary projects that explore the space between refined composition and improvisation, blending jazz with contemporary music and drawing on socially critical texts and poetry.



MERYLIN POKS

Artist and Project Manager; Founder
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Merylin Poks (aka MYM.EE) is passionately dedicated to showcasing Estonian talent on a global scale. Representing a diverse roster of artists, she combines artistic vision with strategic expertise, fostering international collaborations and innovative projects.



REBECCA KONTUS

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Rebecca Kontus is a singer and songwriter whose musical style defies easy categorization. In 2024, she released an album featuring her latest music — 12 brand-new songs, all in Estonian, as a personal contribution to preserving the Estonian language and culture. While the lyrics often tackle serious themes, the music itself is uplifting, radiating positive energy. Although Rebecca has been primarily known for her smooth and soothing jazz sound, this new album takes her in a fresh direction.



MIHKEL MÄEKALLE

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After graduating in jazz music in Estonia, Mihkel Mäekalle has been based in London. He is the founder of the Breakdealer Agency and producer of Rakvere Funkfest, the largest funk music festival in the Baltics. Mihkel also works in sync licensing for Selektor Studio.



TUULIKKI BARTOSIK

Artist

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Tuulikki Bartosik is a versatile multi-instrumentalist, composer, and producer from Estonia and Sweden, celebrated for her innovative approach to music. She has been a significant figure in the Nordic music scene, carving out a unique path that blends traditional and contemporary influences. Her music, characterized by the seamless integration of field recordings and electroacoustic sounds, reflects her adventurous spirit and curiosity. Bartosik's solo albums have gained international acclaim, drawing comparisons to Philip Glass and Ólafur Arnalds. Her latest album, *PLAYSCAPES*, co-written with Sander Mölder, has been praised for its groundbreaking soundscapes and has received multiple awards and nominations.

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TUULIKKI BARTOSIK - ADAM FORKELID - CALLE RASMUSSEN

Saturday, 26 April

at 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Halle 7.1



Jazzkaar Festival

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



ANETT TAMM

Artist

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Anett Tamm is an Estonian singer, improviser, and composer involved in projects with diverse sounds and artistic ambitions. Her main projects include her folk-pop solo project Alonette, indie-jazz duo TamTam, the art jazz ensemble Anemoon, and the collaborative project Borders with David Chevallier Trio (FRA).



ANNA REGINA KALK

Guitarist and Composer;

Co-founder and Director

NANANA MUSIC

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Anna Regina Kalk is an Estonian guitarist and composer. She is also the co-founder and director of NaNaNa Records, a Tallinn-based record label that releases music by both local and international jazz artists. The label also organises an annual event called the NaNaNa Jazz Festival, blending jazz with contemporary music and drawing on socially critical texts and poetry.



BIANCA RANTALA

Artist; Composer; Conductor

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Bianca Rantala is a Finnish-Estonian composer, conductor, and musician, recognized for her award-winning works in jazz and contemporary music. Known for her dynamic leadership on the podium and her ability to craft intricate, emotionally charged compositions, she brings fresh energy to every ensemble she works with. Her music has been featured at festivals and concerts across Europe, captivating audiences with its depth and innovation.



FELIX VERLIN

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Felix Verlin is currently studying double bass at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre.



KAIRIIN KUKK

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Kairiin Kukku is a versatile jazz pianist from Estonia, studying at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre.



KARL FILIPP VARRES

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Karl Filipp Varres is an Estonian guitarist currently studying at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre.



KRISTJAN ROBERT REBANE

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Kristjan Robert Rebane is a Tallinn-based Estonian multi-instrumentalist. He is also the co-founder of NaNaNa Records, a Tallinn-based record label that releases music by local and international jazz artists, and the director of the NaNaNa Jazz Festival, which the label also organises annually.

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FESTIVAL FOR
TOMORROW'S MUSIC,
ARTS AND IDEAS

FESTIVALS

CHRISTMAS JAZZ

Tallinn
End of November, beginning
of December
jazzkaar.ee

An intimate and serene-sounding
festival with a variety of concerts.

FESTIVAL JUU JÄÄB

Muhumaa
July
juujaab.ee

A cultural event on the tiny
island of Muhu.

IDEE JAZZ

Tartu and Narva
November
ideejazz.ee

A festival of good vibes – jazz and
rhythm music.

JAZZKAAR

Tallinn and all over Estonia
April
jazzkaar.ee

The biggest jazz festival in the Baltics:
unique programming, daring
productions.

SÖRU JAZZ

Hiiumaa
June, the weekend before
Midsummer's Eve
kaunismuusika.ee

Celebrates the arrival of summer in the
boat huts of Orjaku, Kalana, and Sõru.

TALLINN CHILDREN'S JAZZ FESTIVAL

"KRÄSH"
Tallinn
June
festivalkrash.ee

Organised at the initiative of Jazzkaar
and Tallinn – UNESCO City of Music,
the festival features music camps, work-
shops, meetings, and a two-day festival
with concerts inspired by rhythmic
music.

TAFF-FEST

Haapsalu
July
tafffestival.ee

Blends the best of Estonian jazz with
the charm of this beautiful town.

TALLINN MUSIC WEEK

Tallinn
April
tmw.ee

The leading discovery festival for
tomorrow's music, arts, and ideas
in the Baltic-Nordic region.

STUDENT JAZZ FESTIVAL TUJA

(TUDENGI JAZZ)
Various cities
March
tuja.ee

Estonia's longest-running jazz festival,
dedicated to jazz students and their
fresh ideas.

VILJANDI KITARRIFESTIVAL

Viljandi
October
viljandiguitar.ee

A guitar festival promoting improvisa-
tional and cross-genre playing skills.

VENUES

CULTURE CLUB BAAS

Tallinna maantee 5, Rapla
loomebaas.ee

Formerly a bus center, it now hosts theater plays, concerts, talk shows, films, and the alternative culture festival SÄRIN.

ENDLA THEATRE

Keskväljak 1, Pärnu
endla.ee/jazzklubi

Jazz concerts take place in Endla Theatre's café every other Friday.

FOTOGRAFISKA TALLINN

Telliskivi 60a/8, Tallinn
fotografiska.com/tallinn

An internationally renowned photography centre with exhibition and event spaces.

HAAPSALE CULTURAL CENTRE

Posti 3, Haapsalu
kultuurimaja.ee

Responsible for organising local cultural life, the centre also hosts a jazz club.

HORISONT RESTAURANT & BAR, SWISSÔTEL

Tallinn
Tornimäe 3, Tallinn
facebook.com/esmaspaevajazz

Monday Jazz is a concert series led by actor Guido Kangur and Pille Lukin, running since 2007.

SILLAMÄE CULTURAL CENTRE

Kesk 24, Sillamäe
kultuurikeskus-sillamae.ee

The Jazz Time Club concert series takes place monthly, featuring top Estonian and international jazz artists for the Ida-Viru County audience.

PAAVLI CULTURE FACTORY

Paavli 7, Tallinn
kultuurivabrik.ee

A new cultural magnet on Tallinn's map, set to become one of the capital's key event and leisure centers.

PAIDE CULTURAL CENTER

Pärnu 18, Paide
pamt.ee

A vibrant hub offering a range of activities – from art galleries and museums to concerts and workshops – something for everyone!

PHILLY JOE'S JAZZ CLUB

Vabaduse väljak 10, Tallinn
phillyjoes.com

An award-winning club dedicated to bringing musicians and listeners together in an ideal setting.

CONTRIBER & PHILLY JOE'S TARTU

Kompanii 2, Tartu
facebook.com/contriberphillyjoestartu

A new jazz and blues club blending music with self-development.

PÕLVA CULTURAL CENTRE

Kesk 15, Põlva
kultuurikeskus.ee

Hosts monthly concert series, ranging from jazz to rock and punk, in a relaxed atmosphere.

SAARE KEK

Ringtee 15, Kuressaare
saarekek.ee

KEK stands for “Kena Elu Keskus” (Centre of a Nice Life). Located in the island's capital, it hosts monthly jazz concerts.

TERMINAL RECORDS&BAR

Telliskivi 60/2, Tallinn
terminal.ee

A record store, bar, and venue all in one – the first of its kind in Estonia.

TÜRI CULTURAL CENTRE

Hariduse 1, Türi
tyrikultuurikeskus.ee

A place where ideas come to life and dreams – big or small – are realised. Hosts theatre performances, concerts, exhibitions, meetings, and parties.

VIIMSI ARTIUM

Randvere tee 20, Viimsi
viimsiartium.ee

A contemporary interdisciplinary hub uniting performing and visual arts with music, film, and science.

VÕRU KANNEL

Liiva 13, Võru
vorukannel.ee

A multifunctional cultural center promoting local culture and providing artistic experiences through all forms of art.

THE BALTIC CLUBNIGHT

AT JAZZAHEAD! 2025

KADRI VOORAND & MIHKEL MÄLGAND ^{EE}

MATISS ČUDARS TRIO ^{LV}

WEIRD UGLY FISH ^{LT}

PROGRAM

6:00 PM DOORS OPEN

Meet the Baltics

9:15 PM - 9:45 PM

Mingle and jingle while changeover

7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Kadri Voorand & Mihkel Mälgand (EE)

9:45 PM - 10:30 PM

Weird Ugly Fish (LT)

7:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Baltic Reception and Changeover

10:30 PM

End of the event

8:30 PM - 9:15 PM

Matiss Cudars Trio (LV)



OUR EVENTS

*THURSDAY,
24 APRIL AT 4:00 PM*

Baltic Reception

Stands D32 - D34

*FRIDAY,
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Zentrum für Kunst

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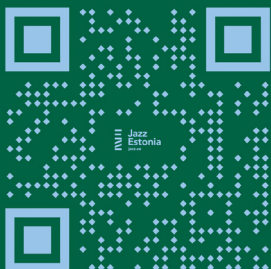
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