

Teatteri Tulikärpänen presents Flowerstore - play by Iida Kannelsuo, at Hupisaari Open-Air Theater

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Teatteri Tulikärpänen presents Flowerstore, a summer theatre play in English about forbidden love, companionship and a little bit of tragedy.



Francis (Marcell Rotan) and Elouise (Anniika Heikkinen) having a date night without prying eyes! (Photo by Anna-Leena Salmijärvi)

A brand new theatre organization **Teatteri Tulikärpänen ry** with its diverse cast has set its goal on bringing theatre to a multicultural audience by performing a play in English. The play is an original script by **Iida Kannelsuo**; a debuting writer and director, written with the purpose of presenting arts in Oulu to people who would like to engage with art and culture in English. The language of the play is easily understandable common English, and the cast believes even people who might not have much trust in their language skills will be able to grasp the many hidden messages of the play.

- I've lived abroad for a few years myself, in a city much, much bigger than Oulu, and even in a city populated by over a million people, I struggled in finding culture that I could engage with, being not able to speak the native tongue of the country. Having lived that experience, as a person with connections to the art world, I want to give people, who don't speak Finnish, art that they can enjoy, explained the director Iida Kannelsuo about the motives behind writing the play.

This August, *Flowerstore*, a play about yearning, forbidden love and slightly questionable decisions sees its opening night on the 22.8.2025 at 20.00 on the vast and close to nature

summer theatre stage of Oulu's Hupisaaret. The play depicts two main characters, Elouise and Francis, two people in differing points in their lives, meeting in a simple flower shop, and their blooming, intense romance. However, Francis has already got the course of his life worked out, how is he going to fit this new lover into the already existing picture? And what will Elouise; a woman with many poor partner choices in the past, do when she finds out that this handsome older man in her store is buying flowers for his wife?

Flowerstore is recommended for people who still want to make the most out of the last warm summer evenings, people who want to challenge their language skills and for people who just want to enjoy culture in the globally spoken language of English.

The play will include original music by a local musician and song writer Lassi Krank, who before has self published music online under aliases Dwept, Ajatustenvanki and Bubbletree. Flowerstore also includes flower art on stage by local artist Kerttu Korhonen. The play has a duration of one hour and a half with an intermission, where refreshments and sweets will be available for purchase. The performance has an age restriction of 16, due to some infrequent swearwords present in the play. Flowerstore will be available for viewing until the 5th of September.

During the same months, Teatteri Tulikärpänen also has a second play, *Taikametsän tarinoita*, a cheerful children's play with three well known stories and many lovable characters running at the same location, summer theatre of Hupisaaret directed by Julia Latvala.

Details:

Flowerstore

Hupisaarten Open-Air Theatre, Oulu

Friday 22.8. – Saturday 5.9.2025

Duration 1,5 hours, includes intermission with coffee and refreshments. Age restriction 16 years

Tickets 15 € / 10 € at door or Biletti.fi

Crew

Director: Iida Kannelsuo

Script: Iida Kannelsuo

Producers: Maria Antola, Anna-Leena Salmijärvi and Julia Latvala

Costumes: Iida Kannelsuo and crew

Set design: Anna-Leena Salmijärvi, Juha Salmijärvi, Maria Antola ja Julia Latvala

Flower artist: Kerttu Korhonen

Sound and music: Lassi Krank

Technician: Elias Huotari and Theo Grönroos

Graphic designer: Siri Kerola

Actors:

Francis - Marcell Rotan
Elouise - Annika Heikkinen
Elouise - Derin Ergönül
Lily - Filmy Jiang
Customer 1 and New shop owner - Mazharul Islam
Customer 2 - Julia Latvala
Customer 3 - Anna-Leena Salmijärvi

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Synopsis from Teatteri Tulikärpänen ry:

Teatteri Tulikärpänen ry was founded in May 2025 in Oulu. The association started from inspiration and desire to create something new by three different artists in the Oulu area. Our hearts beat for theatre, improv and experientiality. At the core of our association we want to make art which brings people together, spreads joy and invites participation.