



## H2Ö Festival released its first artists

Having risen up among one of the most successful alternative festivals in Finland, H2Ö is arranged on July 22nd–23rd at Ruissalo dockyard in Turku, Finland. The festival awakens the dockyard area for the third time with a programme consisting of domestic alternative music, foreign underground gems and arts – lacking any genre restrictions.

Among the festival's international guests are alternative rock icons **MERCURY REV**. Having built a committed fan base since the late 80's, the US-group returned to the limelight with their new album *The Light In You*, released last fall, receiving praising reviews from both fans and critics.

Sensational Spanish band **HINDS** arrive for their awaited first-ever concert in Finland. After releasing their debut album earlier this year, as good as every concert during their world tour has been sold out. Stephen Stephansen, one of the founding members of Icelandic electro giants GusGus, is now leading **PRESIDENT BONGO & THE EMOTIONAL CARPENTERS**, a group that amazes and makes you dance with their distinctive africotechno.

In the list of domestic artists are the rarely performing legendary progressive folk orchestra **PIIRPAUKE**, who recently celebrated their 40 year long career, and the flagship of Finnish rhythm music **JÄTKÄJÄTKÄT**. Also included are Oulu-based rock group **RADIOPUHELIMET**, **JOKU ROTI MAFIA** led by warhorse rapper Hannibal, and additionally twenty other artists. The entire music programme can be found on the festival website.

In addition to music, H2Ö caresses and teases the audience as usual with a rich multi-arts programme.

The festival programme is expanded during the spring.

Early bird-tickets are now for sale at [Tiketti](#) and [Bar Ö](#), located in Turku.

Press quality photos and this press release are available at the [festival website](#).

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