



Kolibrí Festivaali celebrates 10 years of diversity in children's culture sector

- Kolibrí Festivaali is a free, interdisciplinary, and multicultural art festival for children and their families.
- 40 artists will offer a vibrant program with art workshops, storytelling, performances, games and concerts for all families.
- The guest artists are international poet Mar Benegas, and illustrator and writer Gustavo Ariel Rosemffet Abramovich 'Gusti'.
- Since its first edition in 2015, more than 20 000 people of all ages have enjoyed its activities.
- Join us from 13th to 27th of September in Espoo, Vantaa and Helsinki.

The children's cultural festival Kolibrí Festivaali is turning 10! This year's edition will be extra special, built around the theme Wishes. After a decade of work, Kolibrí has become one of the biggest children's cultural festivals in Finland, and the one offering more free and multilingual activities. Kolibrí is a unique celebration of fun, culture, and diversity for all ages.

Over the past ten years, more than 20 000 people have enjoyed high-quality, free, multicultural and multilingual cultural activities. Hundreds of workshops and performances for children and their families have also given space to over 200 international artists and organisations, offering cultural experiences in Finland's minority languages.

Special international guests

To mark this special edition, Kolibrí will welcome two outstanding international guests. On 18.9., Spanish poet **Mar Benegas** will give two talks on children's literature at the

[University of Helsinki](#) and [STOA Cultural Centre](#). She'll also facilitate [storytelling sessions](#) for families at Lastenkulttuurikeskus Pessi in Vantaa (20.9.).

Find out more about her work and [full schedule HERE](#)

Argentinian illustrator and writer **Gustavo Ariel Rosemffet Abramovich 'Gusti'** has created this year's official festival image. Inspired by the theme Wishes, he designed a constellation full of stars representing hopes for diversity, inclusion and multilingualism.

Gusti will visit Finland to lead a professional [art workshop](#) at Ammattiopisto LIVE in Espoo (24.9. 9-10:30 am) and a [family art workshop](#) at Annantalo in Helsinki (27.9.).

Find out more about his work and [full schedule HERE](#)

Sámi and Roma cultures join Kolibrí Festivaali

One of this year's highlights is the inclusion of activities in Northern Sámi and Roma languages for the first time. Sámi educator and artist Petra Biret Magga-Vars will lead a [yoik](#) and [arts & crafts workshop](#) at Annantalo (27.9.), and Roma artist Anette Åkerlund will perform a flamenco and [Roma music concert](#) for families at Sello Library (13.9.).

These activities, supported by the Suomi Kulttuurirahasto Foundation, will give families the chance to learn more about these cultures and offer a welcoming space for both communities to enjoy their language and heritage together.

The program will feature a total of **40 artists** from **20 different nationalities**, offering **53 activities in 20 languages**, including art workshops, storytelling, performances, games and concerts for families to enjoy.

The traditional **Family Days** will take place at:

- 13.9. [Sello Library](#) in Espoo - 11 am – 5 pm.
- 20.9. [Lastenkulttuurikeskus Pessi](#) in Vantaa - 11 am – 5 pm.
- 27.9. [Annantalo](#) in Helsinki - 11 am – 5 pm.

Pessi and Annantalo will also host the [Children's Book Fair in Spanish and Portuguese](#), with new and second-hand books available, including signed copies by Mar Benegas and Gusti!

The festival will kick off at [Kulttuurikeskus Caisa](#) (23.8.2025 - 4 – 5 pm) with a concert for all families by the multicultural band KAÔS.

Full programme available at: www.kolibrifestivaali.org

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