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Julkaisuvapaa heti

The Student Theatre of Oulu presents: LOUHI

Louhi is the story of a woman who built a world from cold and will and the refusal to be small, who loved fiercely, ruled bravely, and was remembered only as a threat. Rooted in the songs of the Kalevala, this two-act play gives the Witch-Queen of Pohjola something the stories never did: her own voice, her own reasons, and the full weight of her story.

Louhi is written and directed by *Derin Ergönül*, a first-time playwright and director whose work is rooted in atmosphere and emotion. She studied directing and acting in Mérida, where her first production took place and has since performed in a theatre production in Oulu as part of a collaborative international environment. Her work is shaped by a genuine interest in performance, music, and storytelling. With a talented multicultural cast and crew, Louhi offers a fresh perspective to the characters from the Finnish national epic as part of the official Oulu2026 European Capital of Culture programme and cultural climate change.

Script and directing: *Derin Ergönül*
Producers: *Owais Akhtar* and *Huy Nguyen*
Production/OYT: *Salla Väinämö*

Cast: *Anna Novokreshchenova, San Luu, Zeynep Eren, Alen Thomas, Tornado Höyhtyä, Sam Zakharov, Matilda Paakinaho, Sohneel Mandpe, Artemii Vorobev, Filmy Jiang* and *Tran Bao Ho*

Crew: *Alireza Lavasani, OLU OLALEYE, Milla Mikkola, Emilia Siponen, Runo Halonen, Shah Saud, Sam Zakharov, Artemii Vorobev, Bach Nguyen, Ether Stardust, Haseeb Mahmood, Jenna Vanha, Annika Heikkinen, Jessy-Ross Berge, Sania KhanTareen, Siri Kerola, Alina Martin* and *Miska Myllylä*.

Premiere on Wednesday 3 June 2026 at 5:30 pm at Valvenäyttämö stage, 2nd floor of Cultural Centre Valve.

Other performances: Fri 5 June at 5:30 pm / Sat 6 June at 5:30 pm / Sun 7 June at 3 pm / Tue 9 June at 5:30 pm / Wed 10 June at 5:30 pm / Fri 12 June at 5:30 pm / Sat 13 June at 5:30 pm / Sun 14 June at 3 pm / Tue 16 June at 5:30 pm / Wed 17 June at 5:30 pm. All performances at Valvenäyttämö stage.

Duration: approx. 2h 30 min, including intermission.

Age recommendation: 15+

The play is performed fully in English. Please note that flashing lights are used in the performances.

Tickets 20/15 € from the Valve Ticket Office, p. 08-5584 7575, Hallituskatu 7. Please check the opening hours of the Valve Ticket Office [here](#). Kaikukortti tickets available (limited availability). NB! Reserved tickets must be collected at minimum one day before the show.

Tickets can also be purchased from ticketmaster.fi

More info: <http://oulunylioppilasteatteri.fi/index.php?id=louhi>