What’s on in Helsinki

Mad about Helsinki
Time: Thursday, 9:00 to 19:00
Saturday, 11:00 to 17:00
Venue: Helsinki City Museum, Sofiankatu 4
www.helsinginkaupunginmuseo.fi

For once, this is a history lesson far from boring. The “Mad about Helsinki” exhibition recounts the city’s 500 years of history through the favourite places and stories of its residents. Catch a glimpse of life in the Finnish capital through the centuries in photographs, paintings and even a suburban kitchen from the 1960s, and see how Helsinki grew from a small town of wooden buildings into the European metropolis that it is today. Featured places include popular historical spots, such as Senate Square, Suomenlinna and Kaivopuisto Park, but also quiet seaside districts, deserted beaches and peaceful suburban streets. The exhibition is in Finnish, Swedish, English and Russian, and admission is free.

Restaurant Day
Date: 21 November
www.restaurantday.org

Have you ever daydreamed of serving your very own food creations? On Restaurant Day, this wish can become a reality. What started with 40 pop-up restaurants throughout Finland in 2011 has now become an award-winning global food feast that is celebrated in over 30 countries worldwide. Four times a year, anyone can open a restaurant for one day. Only on Restaurant Day will you be able to eat gourmet hamburgers on a bench in Helsinki’s Esplanadi Park or buy Pretzel ice cream and hot Glögi sold from an apartment window—imagination is the limit! Popular places for one-day restaurants include parks, street corners and courtyards, as well as private apartments and offices in the colder months. You can check out registered places on the event’s website in advance or go on a surprise stroll through the streets of Helsinki. Either way, with hundreds of unique options to choose from, the food will surely be exactly your taste!

Nicole Willis & The Soul Investigators
Date: 20 November
Starting time: 20:00
Venue: Tavastia Klubi, Urho Kekkosen katu 4–6
www.tavastiaklubi.fi

Sophisticated soul melodies, distinctive retro vibes and a powerful lead voice—that’s the sound of Nicole Willis and The Soul Investigators. Brooklyn-born soul singer Willis has found not only her second home but also her kindred spirits. With “Happiness in Every Style”, she has just released her third album with Finland’s The Soul Investigators. After their wistful album “Tortured Soul” in 2013, the Finnish American combo lands on a sunnier side of the street this time. Soul fans will want to seize the opportunity to hear their new, strikingly upbeat arrangements at