

EXHIBITION FROM 23.5 TO 31.7.2026
INAUGURATION ON FRIDAY 22.5 6PM-8PM

KOLLEKTIVET

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INSTITUT FINLANDAIS, PARIS

PICTURE BOOK *illustration from* FINLAND



From 23 May to 18 July 2026 at Institut finlandais, *Kollektivet* features art by a selection of the best Finnish artists and picture book illustrators: **Linda Bondestam, Jenni Erkintalo, Lena Frölander-Ulf, Edith Hammar, Maija Hurme, Erika Kallasmaa, Jenny Lucander, Laura Merz, Sanna Pelliccioni** and **Maria Sann**. Together they invite us into a playful, thought-provoking and inclusive world of picture book art that does not shy away from difficult subjects or hope. Picture books are works of art in themselves. In this exhibition, the illustrators' selected works are brought together under one roof, devoting each artist an own space, while providing an insight into the process from sketch to print-ready material.

Not to be missed: from 19 to 21 May, witness the magic unfold! *Kollektivet* illustrators will come together to turn Café Maa's main wall into a vibrant mural, during opening hours.

The Finnish picture book is currently enjoying momentum thanks to the long-term and courageous work done in favour of the book by publishers, researchers and donors. Several of the artists in the exhibition have won awards both internationally and in the Nordic countries. They represent a group of artists who

are constantly and courageously challenging the form of what a picture book is and should be and constantly producing new books.

Kollektivet aims to raise the status of children's culture. Picture book illustration is an artistic genre in its own right and the exhibition challenges the division between 'culture' and 'children's culture'. All high-quality culture is culture, regardless of its target audience.

The exhibition welcomes those who are interested in illustration, those who want to see the world from a child's perspective and those who want to experience the magic of storytelling!

The exhibition is created with Jenny Ingman, Mia-Irene Sundqvist, Andrei Palomäki and Johanna Stenback in collaboration with Moomin Characters, Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland, Brita Maria Renlund Memorial Foundation, Amos Anderson Fund and Tre Smeder Foundation.

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