



# SO III

## “MOST INVENTIVE FOLKADELIA FROM FINLAND”

- *Froots*

**Womex 2015:** meet the representatives Riitta & Sirpa at the Finnish stand 2.08

**SO III** is a trio from Finland whose music combines free improvisation with new compositions and a knowledge of traditional music. The ensemble's unique instrumentation allows the music to breathe, talk and listen as the combination of five-string fiddle, voice, percussion and electronically manipulated sounds creates a web of interlocking soundscapes that alternate between rich and fragile.

The atmosphere is heightened by the lyrics of **Suvi Oskala's** compositions. The lyrics are from poems by a young Finnish poet, **Saija Nojonen**, whose work is simultaneously both mundane and absurd. The compositions themselves are influenced by the singer-songwriter genre as well as the Finnish "ditty" tradition, but approach these influences with a twist.

The trio's vast knowledge of music and virtuoso use of their instruments, combined with the ambition for developing new sounds on their instruments, gives their music an extraordinarily wide range of sounds and moods.

SO III's debut album 'Muuttonaurujen parvia' was released in November 2014.

"It's probably a Marmite record, love it or hate it, but it packs more adventure and fire into its seven tracks than many musicians manage in an entire career. Utterly bloody wonderful."

- Chris Nickson, *fROOTS* 3-4/2015

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