



**ESTONIA BRINGS STORIES TO LIFE IN BOLOGNA –
SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR 2025 AND BEYOND**

Estonia, the Guest of Honour at the 62nd Bologna Children's Book Fair (March 31 – April 3, 2025), presents an inspiring programme both at the fair and across Bologna. In collaboration with Hamelin and the festival *Boom! Crescere nei Libri*, Estonia brings its children's literature to life in the city of Bologna, offering unique experiences for children, book lovers, and industry professionals.

Highlights at the Fair:

- **"Hello! Tere!" Exhibition** – Showcasing works by 40 Estonian illustrators. The exhibition's official opening is on **March 31st at 5 pm**, including a speech by the Estonian Minister of Culture Heidy Purga.
- **Estonian Stand** – A vibrant showcase of Estonian children's literature, featuring award-winning authors and illustrators.
- **Author and Illustrator Events** – Ten panel discussions on various intriguing topics, meetings with the authors, the Bologna BookPlus programme, and an illustrator masterclass.

Events in the City:

- **"Cittadini Creativi" Exhibition** (March 29 – April 13, Palazzo d'Accursio) – A playful showcase of Estonian illustrators and animators, including tours with curator **Bianka Soe** on March 30th and April 2nd at 3 pm.
- **Workshops** – Interactive sessions at the "Cittadini Creativi" exhibition with Estonian illustrators **Kertu Sillaste** ("Bric-a-Brac") on March 30th at 1 pm and **Kadri-Maria Külaots** ("No Scissors Allowed!") on April 1st at 2 pm.
- **School & Library Visits** – Authors such as **Anti Saar**, **Tiiu Kitsik**, **Triinu Laan**, and **Marja-Liisa Plats** talk about their books and share their stories with Bologna's young readers.
- **Estonian Animated Cinema** (April 6th, 4 pm, Cinema Modernissimo) – Screening of *Captain Morten & the Spider Queen*, a stop-motion film produced by Estonia's renowned Nukufilm Studio. Organized by Schermi e Lavagne – the educational department of the Cineteca di Bologna.

The Estonia – Guest of Honour programme at the Bologna Children's Book Fair is led by the [Estonian Children's Literature Centre](#) and the [Estonian Publishers' Association](#), and is funded by the Estonian [Ministry of Culture](#).

Join us in exploring Estonia's vibrant literary landscape! Full programme details can be found at estonia2025bologna.com.

Read more about the Estonia – Guest of Honour at Bologna 2025 programme at [festival Boom! Crescere nei libri](#).

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