Margaritifera, margaritifera

River flows through the pearl forest, where clams produce jewels and sing in eternal peace. Their idyll is disturbed by a forester, coming from the city, longing to take their beauty back to his lover. A biologist with emotional ties to clam's ecosystem tries to prevent irreversible damage taking place. Horror unfolds as the forester takes the riches of the forest. The shattered biologist calls for the forces of nature to unleash its revenge on the forester's actions, leading to a storm.

Libretto Sara Koiranen & Peppi Toivola

Music Ján Števuliak

Directors Ikenna Anyabuike & Ismael Peura

Singers Biologi Adelia Spångberg

Metsuri Gabriel Kivivuori Sereno

Choir Raakku 1 Kharissa Newbill Adames

Raakku 2 Ján Števuliak

Conductor Elisar Riddelin

Musicians Rita Santos, violin

Laura Vilagi, viola

Smaranda Istime, violincello

Mark Reid Bulatović, guitar, electric bass

Nea Wunsch, electric kantele

(intermission 15 minutes)

Piggy Sparkle

The mini opera *Piggy Sparkle* is an anarchic posthuman fable inspired by the 2020 documentary *Gunda*, directed by Viktor Kossakovsky. It is a speculation about what could happen after the film's final scene in which a mother pig and her piglets are separated by human farmers. The libretto explores motherhood, longing and the verges of biology. The production mixes theater, puppetry, expressionism, naivism and postmodernism in a colourful and chaotic cocktail. We hope you like the taste of it.

Libretto Minne Mäki & Fabian Gustaf Silén

Music Yuto Obata

Directors Chong Gua Khee & Kirmo Komulainen

Multimedia Design: Joona Koskela

Singers Piggy Maja Burggraaff

Chat Caressa Betist Thenu

Actors Mother Fabian Gustaf Silén

Daughter Minne Mäki

Conductor Elisar Riddelin

Musicians Vincent Orón Bolós, saxophones

Maissi Uusitalo, percussion

Tuomas Salokangas, piano

Joonas Jääskeläinen, guitar & electric guitar

Iida-Maria Kuronen, electric kantele

(intermission 15 minutes)

1994 San Marino Grand Prix

1994 San Marino Grand Prix is a high-octane tragedy. Through the focal point of Ayrton Senna's deadly F1 crash, concepts of sainthood, speed and spectacle are put into play.

Libretto Mimmi Ahonen & Kasimir Koski

Music Niki Main

Directors Bálint Barcsai & Antti Silvennoinen

Sound design Kristīne Tukre

Costuming & set design Vera Kotkaniemi

Singers Sid Watkins Wille Enckell

Ayrton Senna Niki Main

Pre-recorded actor Jaakko Hutchings

Conductor Mateusz Gwizdałła

Musicians Jānis Vītols, flute & piccolo

Sangyeon Kim, clarinets

Jaime Estévez Moreira, saxophones

Oda Tarheim, horn

Maissi Uusitalo, percussion

Kristīne Tukre, kokle & kanteles

Ärla Hillerud, cello

Tuomo Matero, contrabass