

# GREEN MUSIC CENTER

## AT SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

WEILL HALL | SCHROEDER HALL

### **ASHU, SAXOPHONE**

Ashu has established an extraordinary ability to communicate with audiences around the world through his charismatic and emotive performance style, and is one of today's most engaging and pioneering musicians. While his virtuosity continues to thrill listeners, his artistry reaches far beyond this demonstrating a unique personality and musical voice. He has repeatedly defied conventions by winning major international awards and competitions traditionally won by pianists and violinists. Critics have described him as "just as much fun to watch as to listen to" (Dallas Morning News) and "ready to cultivate the masses" (Chicago Tribune). Ashu has developed a trailblazing career as the first and only full-time concert saxophone soloist.

Ashu, age 26, was born and raised in California and began playing the saxophone at age 10. After just a few years, he began entering competitions and found himself receiving a wide range of opportunities, including his recital debut, which took place at Carnegie Hall. Since then, solo performances have taken him throughout the world.