

pianist with a twist



*"Virtuoso Pianist"* Era Jazzu

> *"Sheer beauty and grace"* Jazz Times

"Exceptionally versatile and virtuoso pianist with a phenomenal playing technique" POZnan\*

### BIOGRAPHY

Traditional yet modern, lyrical yet dramatic, jazz pianist Takeshi Asai has been a one-of-a-kind voice in New York's jazz scene for more than ten years. His performance combines the melodic lyricism of Bill Evans with the feverish blues of Thelonious Monk, all enriched by the sophisticated improvisational style and the classical piano roots.

What makes Takeshi Asai's music unique and aesthetic are his multitude sources of inspiration. He sees beauty in 12th-century French troubadours, Gregorian chants, Baroque and Romantic traditions, 20th-century music (i.e. Janáček, Takemitsu), religious music (Faure, Poulenc), the Beatles, Irish and Japanese folk music, as well as modern electronic music.

Besides his constant club engagements in NYC with talented contemporaries and legends, Takeshi Asai has a hugely successful international career; touring in Poland, UK, France, Germany, Egypt, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

He currently lives in New York, where he runs his own production company.

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

#### New York

The Lincoln Center, The Steinway Hall, Staten Island Jazz Festival, Open-Air Music Festival, NYC Music Festival @ Battery Park, Faust Harrison Pianos, NYC Public Libraries, St. Peter's Church, Haru Ichiban Festival NYC, Norwood Club, Snug Harbor, Alice Austen House, St. George's Theater, Greenwich House School, PS 22, The Duplex Theater and Beethoven Pianos

### NYC Jazz Clubs

Fiction Brooklyn, Shrine, Delancey, Jazz on Main, B Flat (Residency), The Kitano New York, Somethin' Jazz Club, Rockwood Music Hall, Cleopatra's Needle, Caffe Vivaldi, Kavehaz, Drom, The Knitting Factory, Tomi Jazz, Garage, Silvana, Cafe Winberie, Glen Rock Inn, and Lenox Lounge

US Pennsylvania, Boston, New Hampshire, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Chicago, California

International Tours Poland, France, UK, Germany, Spain, Egypt, Japan, South Korean, The Phillipines

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