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ÁSGEIR ANNOUNCES TWO MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE PERFORMANCES!



Icelandic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Ásgeir** is bringing his inimitable brand of melancholic electro-folk to **Elisabeth Murdoch Hall** at **Melbourne Recital Centre** on **Wednesday 4** and **Thursday 5 April** for two very special intimate performances.

Tickets will be available via melbournerecital.com.au/asgeir or (03) 9699 3333 from **10am on Monday 22 January**.

At the tender age of just 25, **Ásgeir** has already shown a remarkable propensity to adapt to change as his worldwide profile skyrockets. Growing up one of the only children in his tiny village of Laugarbakki (population 40), **Ásgeir** began learning classical guitar at the age of six and has lived a life immersed in music ever since.

Ásgeir's debut album *Dýrð í dauðapögn* (2012) exploded in his homeland – quickly becoming the fastest-selling debut in Icelandic history, outperforming the opening gambits of national treasures such as Björk and Sigur Rós – **Ásgeir** recruited U.S. singer-songwriter John Grant to help with the translation and in 2014 the English version, *In The Silence*, suddenly made the youngster a household name around the world, leading to years of relentless globetrotting to share his exceedingly personal and emotional live show.

In 2017 **Ásgeir** expanded his palette exponentially with his critically-acclaimed sophomore album *Afterglow*, which found him eschewing the folk-tinged acoustics of his early work to embrace melodic electronica in its purest form, offset by timeless flourishes of soul, R&B and gospel music. In the process the album showed that **Ásgeir** had the confidence to accept his status as one of global music's most exciting new voices, an incredible effort for a young man from a miniscule Icelandic farming village.

And surprisingly it's in the furthest-flung reaches of the planet from his home that **Ásgeir** has found his most passionate audience, with Australia proving his most fervent foreign market by far. His impending sojourn – which also finds him displaying his wares at the prestigious Byron Bay Bluesfest – will already be his fifth trip Down Under, with previous visits having seen him sell out two Sydney Opera Houses, fill rooms country-wide, play massive stadiums alongside Alt-J and thrill numerous festivals such as Splendour in the Grass, Falls Festival and Southbound.

None of which will match the emotional heft of **Ásgeir**'s two-night stand at **Melbourne Recital Centre**, where he will treat audiences to a personal and enthralling show amidst the beautiful acoustics of Elisabeth Murdoch Hall.

Witness the musical communion and soulfulness of the **Ásgeir** live experience and lose yourself within his serene sound imagery, it's a journey that will never be forgotten!

Presented by Melbourne Recital Centre by arrangement with Handsome Tours & WME

ÁSGEIR
7:30pm WEDNESDAY 4 & THURSDAY 5 APRIL
Elisabeth Murdoch Hall
Melbourne Recital Centre
Cnr Southbank Blvd & Sturt St, Southbank

Tickets starting at \$65 via melbournerecital.com.au/asgeir or (03) 9699 3333

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