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ALEXIS TAYLOR

UK frontman **Alexis Taylor**, of electropop royalty **Hot Chip**, sets aside the synths for a sensitive and soulful session on the keys for four extremely intimate performances at Melbourne Recital Centre's Salon.

Alexis Taylor pares everything back to just piano and voice for an intimate performance of new songs, reinterpretations of his own writing, and a selection of favourites both well-known and unheard before by other artists.

Inspired by the death of a close friend, Alexis' solo release **Piano** is a very personal and private record which celebrate lives of friends now passed, and a reminder that behind the musical pyrotechnics is a songwriter of rare ability.

"The idea with this record was to choose songs of my own and others that were personal to me and to document live performances which were intimate and unadorned," says Taylor. "I wanted to reduce everything to the barest elements, record a great piano well and do as little as possible to the recordings effects-wise."

"The mood created on the record is pretty different from that on other records I have been involved with. It feels like a special place to be able to go to."

Since 2000, **Hot Chip** have released six studio albums, as well as a wealth of EPs, stand-alone singles, compilation exclusives, remixes and covers. Including *Piano*, Taylor has released three albums and an EP under his own name, as well as three further albums of material performed with the semi-improvisational About Group.

Additionally, Alexis has crafted side projects such as Booji Boy High and collaborated with the likes of Wiley, Peter Gabriel, Will Oldham, Fimber Bravo, Bernard Sumner, Robert Wyatt, Justus Köhncke, The Memory Band, James Yorkston and David Byrne among many others.

Melbourne Recital Centre, Salon

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6pm & 9.30pm

1 hr 15 mins, no interval

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