

ILIA SKIBINSKY COMPOSER/PRODUCER/SAXOPHONIST

With the release of his album *The Passage* (Mythology Records 2012), composer and saxophonist Ilia Sk (Skibinsky) established himself as one of the prominent voices in the field of jazz and



contemporary music. Ilia has been described by his peers and colleagues alike, as someone who possesses the unique ability to navigate through an array of musical styles, while maintaining a unique voice. Born in Russia, he immigrated with his family to Israel in 1993. In Israel, Ilia had a chance to perform with the elite of the local jazz artists such as the late **Arnie Lawrence, Avi Lebovich, Hagai Amir, Omri Mor, Arie Volnitz, Eldad Shrem**, Grammy award winner **Ruslan Sirota** as well as such international musicians as ECM recording artist **Arkady Shilkloper** and Grammy award winner **David Sanchez** to name a few. He has also participated in some of Israel's top scale productions such as the adaptations of *American Idol* and *Dancing with Stars* which aired on nation wide prime time TV as well as full Broadway productions of *Chicago* and *Guys & Dolls* at

the Bet Lessin Theater (Tel Aviv) featuring some of the most recognized names on the Israeli music scene such as **Rita, Riki Gal, Tzvika Hadar, Sassi Keshet** and others.

In 2007, he relocated to New York following an invitation to attend the New School University on several scholarships. Upon graduation, SK took an active part in New York's music scene performing at some of the most prestigious venues in town. A culmination of Ilia's musical endeavors in NY was the recording of his debut record *The Passage*, which featured some of the leading young musicians on the scene and has been released on David Binney's Mythology Records in 2012 to a high critical acclaim. Upon graduation SK took an active part on the music scene and shared the stage with such artists as the legendary **Joanne Brackeen** (Art Blakey), **Bobby Sanabria, Larry Graham** (Sly and the family stone), **Rodney Green, Tomer Adaddi, Mike Moreno, Milo Z** and many others. In December 2009, Ilia has been invited to play with one of the productions of the world-renown **Cirque Du Soleil** on their show entitled *Corteo*. He performed as a saxophonist and keyboardist with the production in US, Canada and Japan completing over 500 shows.

As a composer Ilia writes in a wide variety of styles from symphonic/orchestral pieces to electronic. His compositional and production works for TV have been featured on the American PBS, Discovery Channels, Bravo and Fox Sports. In November 2013 his original orchestral score for a short animation movie was selected as the finalist in the **European Talent Competition** organized by **Soundtrack Cologne**

Ilia has been awarded a scholarship from the **America-Israel Cultural Foundation Award (AICF)** in four consecutive years.

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