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MASTER PIANIST ELEW TOURS WITH VIRTUOSIC NEW BAND

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Fusing traditional jazz with elements of modern rock and pop, ELEW (aka Eric Lewis) has created a series of masterful originals and blistering re-interpretations that are igniting interest across the nation. With his new band, he has created a sound that is at once fresh and classic, recalling John Coltrane's 1960s recreations of the contemporaneous popular music. Get ready, because ELEW is venturing out on the road and taking his soul-shattering live show to a city near you.

About ELEW

ELEW has toured the world, recorded, and performed continuously with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Elvin Jones, Roy Hargrove, and Cassandra Wilson, among others. He won the Thelonious Monk International Piano Competition, effectively crowning him a Master Musician and ushering in a new age for the performer. Since branching out on his own, he has been turning the music world on its head with his inimitable live performances.

Today – in the jazz tradition of interpreting popular tunes of the day, much like Art Tatum and John Coltrane – ELEW manipulates and performs renditions of rock and pop songs by today's top artists. A musical contortionist, his compositions twist, turn, and careen between styles, sounds, and emotions, resulting in a stunning aural experience. His new style is becoming so popular that his gigs are beginning to extend into the realm of film industry, opening new doors for his talent to be recognized. In addition to contributing music to films such as **The Great Debaters**, he is currently scoring his first Hollywood feature: *The Stage 6™* (a division of Sony Pictures) 3-D horror film, **The Dark Country**, directed by and starring Thomas Jane.

Additionally, ELEW is being honored as a member of the **Sundance Channel's *The Next Garde***—a group of twelve emerging innovators who are changing the cultural landscape through art, science, design, business and entertainment. Each vignette focuses on one emerging talent as they discuss what fuels their creative process and makes them "someone to watch". Watch and listen at <http://www.sundancechannel.com/nextgarde>.

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