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Iiro Rantala, *My Finnish Calendar* (ACT)

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Acclaimed pianist/composer Iiro Rantala is arguably the most internationally acclaimed Finnish jazz musician of his generation. On his new album, *My Finnish Calendar*, he finds a way to represent a complete year in his home country and to explain the significance of each month

through music. He does this via the technical prowess and mastery that he has perfected over the years, as well as melodic inventiveness, melancholy and humor. The music on *My Finnish Calendar* is improvised, and each track exists as an independent, artistic statement. The album also comes with liner notes by Rantala, providing greater insight into the inspiration for the music and the narrative, which is told from a very personal and very Finnish point of view.