



# T.S. MONK

## PROGRAM

*There will not be an intermission.*

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**Saturday, November 3 @ 8 PM**

Zellerbach Theatre

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## ABOUT THE ARTIST

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### **T.S. Monk**

After earning a reputation in school as a rabble-rouser, the young Monk joined his father's trio and toured with his dad until the elder Monk's retirement in 1975. Monk then launched into the music that had captivated him and his generation, R&B. He first toured with a group called Natural Essence, and afterward, formed his own band with his sister Barbara with which he had hits on two recordings, *House Of Music* and *More Of The Good Life*, where he played drums, arranged and sang.

Monk received the New York Jazz Awards First Annual "Recording of the Year" and *Downbeat's* prestigious 63rd Reader's Poll Award for *Monk On Monk, the 80th Anniversary Birthday Tribute to Thelonious Sphere Monk* featuring twenty guest artists including Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Arturo Sandoval, Dianne Reeves, Nnenna Freelon and Howard Johnson. Critics and the public lauded T. S. Monk as his father's true musical heir, as bandleader and performer. Rave reviews in the *Hollywood Reporter*, *Variety*, the *Los Angeles Times* and others, echoed the public sentiment of sold-out shows across the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

Shortly after, his father passed away leaving a rich and legendary legacy and, tragically, his sister died of cancer. To honor his father's legacy and support the efforts of education, Monk turned his attention toward forming the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz. As Chairman, he has been at the forefront of helping to create a number of programs that reach from Boston to Los Angeles sponsoring music education for students in the form of full scholarships and more.

In 1992, Monk formed his jazz sextet and received raves from the moment they hit the stage and the studio. One of the most unique groups on the circuit, the T. S. Monk Sextet's cohesive and driving style has been heard at the JVC Jazz at the Bowl festival, Sun Valley Center, Lied Center for the Performing Arts and many legendary jazz clubs. For his special 80th Anniversary Birthday Tribute to his father, the Monk's sextet formed the core of the eleven musicians, creating a pulsating and dynamic show. With Grammy® Award-winning producer (for Joe Henderson's *Lush Life*, among others) Don Sickler on trumpet, the duo has carved an innovative and dynamic approach to crafting the T. S. Monk Sextet sound; this band soars and sizzles.