



## **ALEX LEVINE**

Alex Levine is a guitarist, and composer, based in Brooklyn, New York. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, where he got his start as a jazz musician in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Jazz Program, he studied at University of Michigan with Geri Allen, and began working as a professional musician in the Metro-Detroit area at an early age. After attending the Banff International Workshop for Jazz and Creative Music, directed by Dave Douglas and Vijay Iyer, Alex relocated to New York City to pursue a career in creative-improvised music. Since moving to New York, he has studied with guitarist, Miles Okazaki. Alex has collaborated with artists from around the world, and performed at many of New York City's major jazz venues, including The Stone, Cornelia Street Café, and Shapeshifter Lab. While performing at The Stone, as part of a concert organized by Geri Allen, Alex met master-musician, and poet, Henry Grimes, who has since become an important teacher, and a major influence on his creative approach.

As a musician at the Uncool – Artist in Residence project, Alex will focus on creating a body of compositions that reflect the beauty and purity of the surrounding environment, and on developing his technical and communicative abilities as a player. Alex will present two concerts, as well as a workshop for kids during his stay in Poschiavo.