



NICK ZOULEK RUSHING PAST WILLOW



Rushing Past Willow comprises solo works for alto, tenor, and bass saxophone, composed and performed by Nick Zoulek.

The pieces were conceived as improvised moments and refined over a decade of performance and reflection, coalescing into a narrative that is set against a solitary willow tree, serene and poised, serving as a totem that bears witness to a story of lost love, compassion, connection, cognition, perception, chaos, and time.

The works included on Rushing Past Willow were composed through idiomatic use of the saxophone, creating a meditative and raw tapestry from repetition, vocal techniques, circular breathing, unconventional articulation, and spectral exploration. Each piece was recorded using an array of carefully-placed microphones, arranged based on extensive research and experimentation. The array of microphones captured the saxophone's rich textures from a variety of angles and distances. From these perspectives, sound artist Jason Charney assembled an immersive composite of the recorded solo performances.

For more information on Rushing Past Willow, including its narrative, the recording process, resulting collaborations, and more, please visit www.nickzoulek.com

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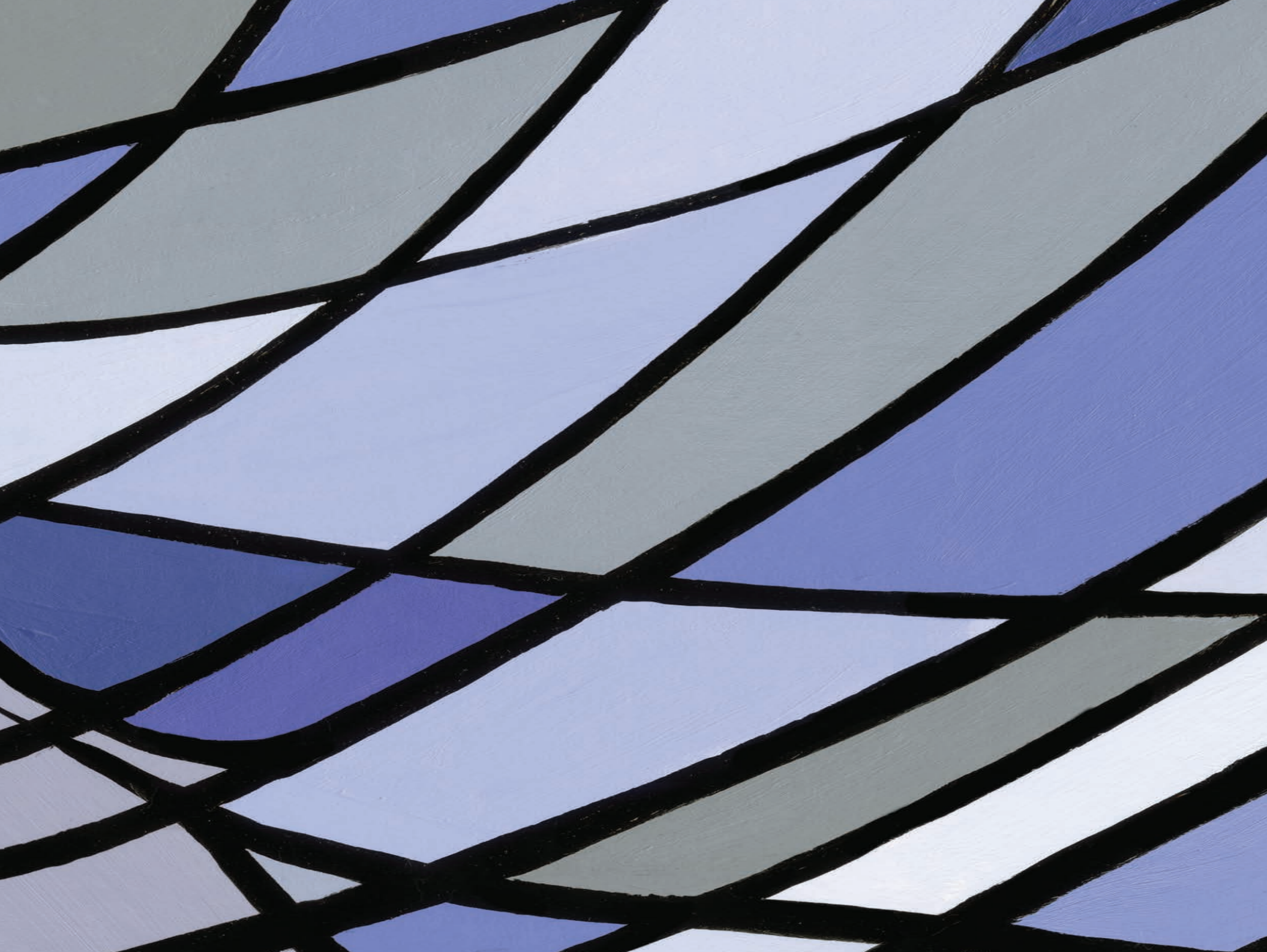
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Music composed and performed by Nick Zoulek on alto, tenor, and bass saxophones.

- 1 RUSHING PAST WILLOW 5:22
- 2 RECONSOLIDATE: IN MEMORIES 4:36
- 3 SILHOUETTE OF A STORM-BENT TREE 4:00
- 4 THESE ROOTS GROWN DEEP 4:01
- 5 HELD WITHIN UNTAMED SPACE 3:14
- 6 AS IT HUNG AROUND HER NECK 4:07
- 7 LEAFLESS, AGAINST THE GRAY SKY 4:34
- 8 CLENCH/NUMBING 3:44
- 9 AMPLITUHEDRON 3:17
- 10 SYMMETRY: IN MEMORIES 5:30
- 11 FROM ALL OF OUR LOVE THIS WAS LOST 3:35
- 12 ARRIVING EVER ARRIVING 8:28

RUN TIME 54:28

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