



## Masters of Tuvan throat singing

# ALASH

**“Music that feels as if it traveled miles and ages to pulverize your heart.” — *Washington Post***

ALASH is a trio of master throat singers from Tuva, a tiny republic in the heart of Central Asia. Trained in traditional Tuvan music since childhood, the Alash musicians studied at Kyzyl Arts College just as Tuva was beginning to open up to the West. They formed an ensemble and won multiple awards for traditional throat singing in international xöömei competitions, both as an ensemble and as individuals. At the same time, under the guidance of the late Kongar-ool Ondar, they began to forge a new musical identity. Paying close attention to new trends coming out of the West, they began to experiment with complex harmonies, western instruments, and contemporary song forms. While open to new ideas that mesh well with the sound and feel of traditional Tuvan music, they never sacrifice the integrity of their own heritage in an effort to make their music more hip.

Alash presents more than a concert; they introduce a complete cultural immersion. Pairing traditional costumes, instruments, and songs with story telling, narration and a coordinated video project, these masterful musicians connect the dots between our modern western world and the history & tradition of remote Tuva.

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ARTISTS

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## QUICK FACTS

- Home base: Tuva (Asia)
- Ticket Prices: \$18-40
- Touring Config: 3 musicians + 1 interpreter
- Show includes: traditional instruments, traditional costume, story telling & narration, coordinated video component

## CAREER

- Collaborated & Performed with Bela Fleck and The Flecktones to promote GRAMMY winning album *Jingle All the Way*
- Members of the Tuvan National Orchestra
- First Prize at the International Xooemei (throat singing) Symposium competition

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Educational workshops & masterclasses available for students of any age