



# First Presbyterian Church of Stirling

## **2016 Concert Series**

February 21, 2016

2pm

*Free Admission, Donations Welcome*

The Pasquale Grasso Quartet will perform on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in Pollard Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling. This jazz quartet's performance is the third in the Church's music performance series.

Born in Ariano Irpino, Italy, Pasquale Grasso began playing guitar at a very young age. Winner of the Wes Montgomery Jazz Competition in 2015, Mr. Grasso has been performing around the world delighting jazz enthusiasts everywhere. Despite his young age, Mr. Grasso has performed with many leading musicians of the international jazz scene including [ASCAP](#) Jazz Wall of Fame Inductee Bucky Pizzarelli. Influenced by Bebop musicians from the 40's and 50's like guitarist Chuck Wayne and pianist Barry Harris, Pasquale's virtuosity is without question. In 2008, Pasquale pursued classical guitar studies in the Music Conservatory of Bologna at which time he developed a new approach to the guitar, combining classical tradition with Chuck Wayne's modern technique.

In 2012, Grasso moved to New York City and quickly made a name for himself in the city's vibrant jazz scene. Grasso became part of the Ari Roland Quartet and the Chris Byars Quartet, performing in clubs, music festivals and recording in the studio regularly. Later that year, Pasquale was named a Jazz Ambassador with the US Embassy, going on to tour extensively across Europe, Kuwait, Kazakstan, Cyprus, Lithuania, and Ukraine, among others.

The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling is honored to host such fine performers as Pasquale Grasso and his band.