

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CLASSICAL PIANIST TIAN YI LI COMES TO STIRLING
FEBRUARY 21ST IN THE SANCTUARY AT
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STIRLING
ONE SHOW ONLY AT 2:00 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION

Stirling, NJ – On February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling will present classical pianist Tian Yi Li, who is making his debut in their Sunday Concert Series.

TianYi Li was born in Shenzhen, China. He started studying piano at the age of six, with teachers including Mr. Mao Tian, Ms. Mei Xiao, and Mr. Zhaoyi Dan. In 2011, he auditioned for the pre-college department of Manhattan School of Music and was accepted with the highest scholarship available, and studied with Phillip Kawin, Shouping Chiu, and Abbey Simon. Currently, Tian Yi is a student at NYU Steinhardt under the instruction of Eduardus Halim.

He is the third prize winner (first prize vacant) of the 6th Tbilisi International Piano Competition in 2017, where he had his concerto debut with Tbilisi Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Volodymyr Sirenko. He also received awards including Best Performance of Scarlatti Sonata, Best Performance of Romantic Work, and Best Semifinal Recital. Other competition highlights include the first prize of the 14th Annual New York Music Competition, finalist prize of the 65th Annual Chopin Piano Competition of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and Young Arts National Winner for 2014 and 2015. He has given concerts and recitals at venues including Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall, Salle Cortot, and Shenzhen Poly Theater.

TianYi is a unique young pianist whose music always compels the audience. Experiences of working with artists such as Abbey Simon and Eduardus Halim enabled him to inherit the merits of twentieth-century pianism, which requires lyric tone and command of the structure. He also composes, and included a set of original piano solo works alongside Chopin Nocturnes and Etudes in his high school graduation recital program. As a collaborative pianist, TianYi participates frequently in chamber ensembles at NYU, as well as interdisciplinary productions. He was the pianist and narrator in the 2014 YoungArts production of *Heathers* and 2015 production of *Peter Pan* under director Jay Scheib, which demanded interdisciplinary performers ranging from dancers to visual artists to create and eventually perform a play based largely on improvisation within just one week.

The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling is located at 158 Central Avenue, one block north of the Stirling train station. For more information about the church, visit www.fpcstirling.org or call (908) 647-1033.

This will be the fifth in the Church's concert series for the 2017– 2018 season. Admission, as always, is free. A short reception will follow the concert at which attendees may meet the performer. Refreshments will be served.

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