

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THE CABARET MAGIC OF HJORTH AND PATANELLA COMES TO STIRLING  
MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SANCTUARY AT  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STIRLING  
ONE SHOW ONLY AT 2:00 P.M.  
FREE ADMISSION

Stirling, NJ – On March 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling will present cabaret star Christine Hjorth and accompanist Amanda Patanella for an afternoon of song and laughter.

Locally, Ms. Hjorth has performed with The Rhino Theater (Pompton Lakes, NJ), The Stollers (Maplewood, NJ) and A Work of the Heart Productions (Madison, NJ). She began singing professionally in a cabaret setting 10 years ago and has performed at multiple venues and private events from New Hope, PA to Raleigh, NC. An experienced and certified elementary teacher, she spends her days as a private teacher for homeschool children and after-school tutor. Her husband and children are her constant cheerleaders, and she is so happy to have their support for her performing. Ms. Hjorth has enjoyed performing on stage for over 30 years. She has performed with the Rhino Theater in Pompton Lakes, The Stollers in Maplewood, and A Work Of The Heart Productions in Madison.

Amanda Patanella is a graduate of Rutgers University/Mason Gross School of the Arts where she studied classical voice and earned a BA in art history & dance. She also holds a certification in elementary education from Caldwell College. Amanda has over 23 years experience as a dance educator, choreographer, and performer. She is a former principal dancer and vocalist with the NJ Tap Ensemble and has performed on stages including Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, NJPAC's Victoria Theater, Mayo Arts Center, Count Basie Theater and off-Broadway at Feinstein's/54 Below. Currently, Amanda works as a professional vocalist, dance educator, and theater director/choreographer. She is active in community theater with her latest role being the Witch in Into the Woods. Amanda's most cherished job is being a mom of three beautiful daughters. She is grateful to be able to continue sharing her love of music and performing.

This will be the sixth concert in the Church's concert series for the 2019 – 2020 season. Admission, as always, is free. A short reception will follow the concert at which attendees may meet the performer. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, go to [www.fpcstirling.org](http://www.fpcstirling.org) or contact The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at (908) 647-1033.

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