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CLASSICAL PIANIST ALESSANDRO SIMONE COMES TO STIRLING MARCH 11TH IN THE SANCTUARY AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STIRLING ONE SHOW ONLY AT 2:00 P.M. FREE ADMISSION

Stirling, NJ – On March 11, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling will present classical pianist Alessandro Simoné, who is making his First Pres Concert Series debut.

Alessandro Simoné first studied piano performance and music theory at Brooklyn College Preparatory Center for the Performing Arts. In high school, he accompanied the choir until his graduation while pursuing studies in science.

After two years studying biomedical engineering, Alessandro transferred to Manhattan School of Music in Autumn 2002. He contributed to performance classes there and in the Juilliard evening division, both taught by author David Dubal, and developed his understanding of historical music practice there.

Following his conservatory studies, he instructed group piano lessons at two schools, including P.S. 208k in New York City where he both planned and administered the class, and later accompanied the Opera Oggi NY opera company for the next three years. This collaboration resulted in performances of operas both classical and contemporary, including two excerpts from "Made In America", a contemporary opera cycle by founder and director Thomas Lawrence Toscano. Alessandro has also worked with popular music, through an arranging and transcribing partnership with lead vocalist of the contemporary music band 3D2. He currently teaches in Elmhurst, New York, accompanies and coaches vocalists, and participates in piano seminars guided by Mannes College of Music Professor Zelma Bodzin.

For more information, go to <u>www.fpcstirling.org</u> or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at (908) 647 - 1033.

This will be the seventh 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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