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Stefano Barone - Saturday April 16th 2016

The Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society in conjunction with Connermara Productions is presenting from Rome, Italy, contemporary fingerstyle guitarist Stefano Barone.

The performance is set for Saturday evening April 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation which is located at 6726 Center Road (M-37) in Traverse City.

Stefano Barone is a composer, guitarist, producer, video artist, music teacher from Italy. He is considered by the critics as one of the most creative and interesting contemporary acoustic guitarists of our time. Born in Naples, Stefano's musical interests began at a young age. Initially studying piano and later picking up the guitar which he has never let go of. From blues to pop to rock, he went through different musical experiences until he decided to dedicate himself fully to acoustic guitar and moved to Rome in 2001. When he first listened to American composer/guitarist Michael Hedges's striking album *Aerial Boundaries* in 2003, he began studying modern acoustic guitar techniques and composition. He also embraced contemporary music, in particular American minimalism composers such as Steve Reich and Philip Glass.

Stefano has recorded 2 solo CDs on the CandyRat record label www.candyrat.com, and a third one with the aforementioned guitarist Forastiere and Sergio Altamura who form the Italian avant-garde trio 'Guitar Republic'. Most recently, Stefano's music has received over 6 million views on YouTube. This will be his third tour in the US which will commence with performances and guitar workshops at the University of Wisconsin's Peck School of the Arts in Milwaukee which offers the only Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fingerstyle Guitar in the world under the direction of the internationally renowned John Stropes! Stefano has 8 other performances in Michigan including shows at Federation of Women's Club in Marquette, The Orpheum in Hancock and a house concert at the Section House in Little Lakes. For more information on these events please go to Stefano's webpage www.stefbarone.com

Currently Stefano is teaching guitar in Rome, performing and working on new compositions including some with a 10 string guitar. This performance will display Stefano's masterful guitar technique and an extraordinary control of the electronic effects and devices used in many of his creations. He skillfully uses the devices and effects at his disposition creating great orchestration and harmony. His Neapolitan roots gave him the innate and infallible sense of rhythm and the natural ability to improvise. Stefano's CDs will be available for sale before and after the performance

Tickets for this performance are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at Oryana Food Cooperative, Brilliant Books, The Silver Swan or online at: www.fingerstyle.org
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