

## **ARTIST BIO**

Nico Soffiato, Italian guitarist, composer and educator, currently lives in Brooklyn, NY. After receiving his Master's degree in philosophy with a thesis on the ontology of music from the University of Padua, he moved to Boston. There he attended Berklee College of Music, thanks to a Best Entering Talent Students scholarship, and graduated magna cum laude. At Berklee he studied performance and composition with David Tronzo, Jon Damian, Hal Crook, Ed Tomassi and Jeff Galindo to mention a few. During his stay he was awarded a second scholarship: the Berklee Achievement Scholarship. Nico was also selected to be part of an all-guitar ensemble whose members included notable alumni like Bill Frisell, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Mike Stern and Wolfgang Muthspiel. He also attended seminars with Bill Frisell, Dave Holland, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Steve Coleman and others.

In New York he leads the Nico Soffiato Quartet, the improvised music group Paradigm Refrain (with which he's been performing for about three years at a monthly residency in Brooklyn). The group has a diverse cast and guests have included: David Tronzo, Nate Wooley, Sunny Kim, Bruno Raberg, Danilo Gallo, Zeno de Rossi, Alessandro Fedrigo, Piero Bittolo Bon, Nick Falk, Petr Cancura, Giacomo Meregá, Federico Casagrande, Brian Adler, Noah Kaplan, Devin Gray, Andrew Smiley, Joe Moffett, Bryan Dye and many others.

Nico also co-leads a duo with trumpeter Josh Deutsch.

As a sideman and solo performer, Nico has performed extensively in the US and Italy.