

The Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* continues on Friday, October 16, 2020 with Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle's **American Pop Music Time Machine 1855-1965**. >>>

The recorded performance will be broadcast on the Town of Agawam's public access channel, and streamed at 7:00 pm. Full details below.



THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA IN POPULAR MUSIC

A musical voyage through American (and Agawam's) history

(Agawam, Mass.) The Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* will offer a bonus mid-month performance that was originally scheduled for this past Spring, but was postponed due to the pandemic shutdown.

On Friday, October 16, 2020 Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle will bring their **American Pop Music Time Machine 1855-1965 (Agawam Edition)** to the Council's *Applause Series*. Their newly recorded performance will be presented on the Town of Agawam's public access channel (Comcast Channel 15) at 7:00 pm and streamed at the same time via the "Watch" button on www.agawammedia.tv. Those who wish to watch on a smart device at a different time should e-mail r.kadis@comcast.net for a FREE link to watch the performance on YouTube. There is a three-hour window from 7:00 – 10:00 pm when the one-hour program will be available. It is recommended that viewers begin watching on YouTube no later than 8:45 pm.

Popular music is often a reflection of the times. The **American Pop Music Time Machine (Agawam Edition)** is a musical voyage through our country's – and Agawam's -- history, presenting popular songs from our past as the medium to connect to our shared cultural heritage. Hear how America's popular songs evolved in the century after the 1855 incorporation of Agawam as an independent town, and learn about Agawam's history along the way.

Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle develop and present theme-based music and history programs that present songs with cultural insight into times, places and events in American history. Their carefully crafted vocals and accompaniment are true to a song's era or style and illustrate the evolution of our nation's culture and history in an informative and entertaining way. Rick's resume includes 20 years as a staff musician, researcher and program developer at Mystic Seaport Museum. Dawn is responsible for researching and developing program material and creating period-appropriate vocal accompaniment.

Production sponsors for **American Pop Music Time Machine - 1855-1965** are the Agawam Democratic Committee and Agawam City Councilor Rosemary Sandlin. The Agawam Cultural Council also thanks the Agawam Special Police, Elaine Carlson, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, and OMG, Inc. for their generous support as *Applause Series* season sponsors.

In lieu of the free will donations the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) normally accepts at the conclusion of all its events, (which support fully 40% of the cost of each performance), the council asks viewers to consider making a properly "socially distanced" donation to support efforts to "Give Back to the Community" by visiting the ACC web site www.agawamcc.org and clicking on the green "Donate" button. Alternatively, a check in any amount, payable to the Agawam Cultural Council, may be sent to: Agawam Cultural Council, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam MA 01001.

For more information on the activities and virtual offerings of the Agawam Cultural Council during the stay-at-home order, please visit their web site at: www.agawamcc.org. The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.