

PHOTO CAPTION: Season fourteen of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* continues with a concert by Banish Misfortune on Friday, **May 11**, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Agawam Senior Center. Seen here from left, David Meuser, Kira Jewett, T.J. Ezold, Sean Burke, Tim Donoghue, and David Brule will present an evening of traditional Irish music. >>>

(The concert was originally scheduled for March 2, 2018 but was postponed to **May 11** due to inclement weather.)



NO BLARNEY HERE!

Local sextet to present authentic music of the old sod.

(Agawam, Mass.) Banish Misfortune will present an evening of traditional Irish song as the fourteenth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's *Applause Series* continues on Friday, May 11, 2018. This concert was postponed from March 2, will take place at 7:00 PM at the Agawam Senior Center, and marks the series' annual nod to the St. Patrick's Day season.

This sextet will play traditional music from Ireland, with instrumentation that includes fiddle, concertina, mandolin, accordion, flute, and guitar, with which they perform rousing sets of jigs, reels, hornpipes, waltzes, polkas and airs, as well as the occasional inspired song or accompanied Irish poem. Its members hail from western Massachusetts; some having played together for decades. They recently released their first ever CD, "No Strangers Here", and in 2015 were voted one of the "Top 5 Bands in the Valley" in the Valley Advocate Grand Band Slam!

Additional information on each of the *Applause Series* events is available at the Agawam Cultural Council web site, 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.