

PHOTO CAPTION: The fourteenth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* opens with a concert of authentic Latin/Spanish/World Music by **Jose Gonzalez and Criollo Clasico Trio**. Pictured are, left to right: Rene Gonzalez on Latin percussion; Ahmed Gonzalez on flute and guitar; and Jose Gonzalez on guitar and cuatro. >>>

The concert will take place at the Agawam Senior Center, on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm.



“A CARIBBEAN POWERHOUSE”

Agawam Cultural Council opens
Applause Series' Fourteenth Season
With Energetic and Exciting World Music Concert.

(Agawam, Mass.) The fourteenth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's *Applause Series* opens on Friday, September 8, 2017, with a concert by **Jose Gonzalez and Criollo Clasico Trio**. Due to the *Applause Series*' growing popularity, all events for the 2017-2018 season will be held at the Agawam Senior Center. The concert begins at 7:00 PM; doors open at 6:15 PM.

The ensemble, representing the very best of the contemporary San Juan music scene, is anchored by Jose Gonzalez – one of the most distinguished and versatile musicians from Puerto Rico. Gonzalez has performed hundreds of concerts highlighting Latin, Jazz, Spanish, Brazilian, Smooth Jazz, World, Classical, Pop and Caribbean music. Criollo Clasico Trio brings the festive rhythmic excitement, color and passionate energy of authentic Latin/Spanish/World Music to every stage it occupies. Together on stage, Jose Gonzalez (guitar/cuatro), Ahmed Gonzalez (flute/guitar), and Rene Gonzalez (Latin percussion) form a Caribbean powerhouse that brings to life the high energy of Puerto Rico's Cuatro (Jibaro music), the excitement of Afro Boricua drums (bomba and plena) and the elegant guitars of Spanish Old San Juan.

Marisa Rosado, president of San Juan, Puerto Rico's Casa Aboy Cultural Center describes Criollo Clasico Trio as “one of the most prestigious contemporary music ensembles of Puerto Rico.”

The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. This and all *Applause Series* events are free and open to the public.

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 interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.