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PHOTO CAPTION: The Latin Jazz Ensemble **GOZA**: clockwise from top left: Karina Hernandez (violins/vocals); Asher Delerme (percussion) Brian Wallace (trumpet/flugelhorn); and Dave Giardina (guitarist/ director); will perform as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 7 PM, at the Agawam Senior Center.



JOYFUL!

Connecticut's Most Seasoned and Versatile Musicians Bring a Night of Latin Flavor to Agawam Cultural Council's *Applause Series*.

(Agawam, Mass.) The Agawam Cultural Council will present a program of exciting Latin music and dance rhythms on Friday, April 5, 2019 at the Agawam Senior Center when **GOZA** takes the *Applause Series* stage. The concert begins at 7:00 PM; doors open at 6:15 PM.

GOZA (Spanish for joy) is an engaging Latin/Latin Jazz musical ensemble comprised of Connecticut's most seasoned and versatile musicians who perform exciting music and dance rhythms from Latin America, Brazil and Spain with guitar, violin, horns, Latin percussion and beautiful, romantic vocals. **GOZA** rhythms include: samba, rumba, cha-cha, salsa, cumbia, flamenco, tango, and bolero, and numbers by Jobim, Tito Puente, Gipsy Kings, Buena Vista, Rollins and Dizzy, as well as original compositions.

GOZA is made up of: Dave Giardina, guitarist and director; Karina Hernandez, violin/vocals; Brian Wallace, trumpet/flugelhorn; and Asher Delerme, percussion.

Giardina has studied jazz, classical and flamenco guitar in the United States and Spain with masters such as Sal Salvador, Paco Pena, Manuel Barrueco, Sharon Isbin and Joe Beck. Hernandez is a native of Mexico City, where, at age eight, she began violin studies and voice and music theory lessons at the prestigious Escuela Nacional de Musica de la UNAM. Currently a music teacher in Tampa, Florida, she comes north often to play with Goza. Wallace was a member Massachusetts Northeast District Jazz Band under the direction of Jazz legend Hugh Pomeroy and has performed at the Montreal Jazz Fest. Delerme is one of Connecticut's most versatile and accomplished percussionists, and has performed with jazz luminaries Hilton Ruiz, Paquito De Rivera, Dr. Billy Taylor, Jay Hoggard, Foday Musa Suso, Marion Meadows as well as the great Pete Seeger.

The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. The best entrance to the performance space is from the lower level at the rear of the building. 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 sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.