

PHOTO CAPTION: “Honky Tonk Piano” comes to the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM as the Agawam Cultural Council’s popular *Applause Series* continues its fourteenth season with pianist, Gary Landgren (pictured) >>>.



IT’S A HONKY TONK WORLD

Pianist musically revisits the “good old days”

(Agawam, Mass.) The music plays on as the Agawam Cultural Council’s *Applause Series* presents the honky tonk piano stylings of Gary Landgren at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The performance is sponsored by Stellato Brothers Landscape Contractors.

Born out of Ragtime and Jazz from the 1890s-1920s, this rip-roaring and rousing style of piano became popular after the Swing era of the 1940s. Honky Tonk includes ragtime, swing and early jazz elements all rolled into a very informal, yet lively presentation.

Landgren’s interest in this music began as a teenager after some informal lessons at a local piano store, listening to records, and a lot of experimentation and improvisation. Along the way, Gary adopted many tricks on the keys so this playing would sound similar to the great roll-generated player pianos and coin-operated nickelodeons of the early 1900s. We’re sure you’ll be tapping your toes, clapping your hands, and singing along to old favorites such as “Beer Barrel Polka,” “Ain’t She Sweet,” “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” and many more.

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

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