



PHOTO CAPTION: The Ragtime Five will present a concert of popular music from the 1890s to the 1920s as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* on Friday, March 1, 2019. The concert will take place at 7:00 pm at the Agawam Senior Center.

Pictured from left: David Sporny, Tom Gotwals, Jean Jeffries, David Bilodeau, and David Neill. >>>



## POP MUSIC - 1901

Agawam Cultural Council's *Applause Series* Presents an Evening of Popular Music from the Gay Nineties to the Roaring Twenties.

(Agawam, Mass.) Let **The Ragtime Five** transport you to another era when they perform a program of Joplin rags, Sousa marches, and other popular music from the 1890s to the 1920s as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular *Applause Series* on Friday, March 1, 2019. The concert will be held at the Agawam Senior Center and begins at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:15 PM.

This five-piece brass ensemble will present an evening of standards such as Alexander's Ragtime Band, Down by the Riverside, Livery Stable Blues, Sensation Rag, The Entertainer, Trombone Johnson, Too Much Mustard, and Take Me Out to the Ball Game.

The Ragtime Five consists of: David Bilodeau and Thomas Gotwals on trumpet; Jean Jeffries on French horn; David Sporny on trombone; and David Neill on bass trombone. Mr. Bilodeau has been a professional freelance musician for more than three decades and plays in various rock, jazz, show, pit, and big bands, as well as orchestras and brass groups around the Northeast, while. Mr. Gotwals currently performs with the Sentimental Journey Big Band, the Bob Haskell Big Band, and the Downeast Center Ring Circus Band. Ms. Jeffries performs, teaches and lectures throughout New England on modern, classical, and baroque horn. David Sporny, founder of the Amherst Jazz Orchestra, has performed with the American Wind Symphony, Springfield and Hartford Symphonies, the Silk Road Ensemble, the Tonight Show Band, and Dave Brubeck. David Neill is leader of The Premier Brass Quintet, The Jazz Bones, Premier Swing Band, The Victorian Quadrille Orchestra, Dixieland Stomp, and the Fanfare Brass Choir.

The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. Entrance to the performance space is from the lower level parking lot 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](http://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.