

The New Punctuation Army Presents

# TENNESSEE WALT'S BRISTOL & BEYOND THE BIRTH OF COUNTRY MUSIC

*featuring songs by*

**HANK WILLIAMS, JIMMIE RODGERS, JOHNNY CASH,  
THE CARTER FAMILY, ERNEST TUBB, HANK SNOW**

*and many others*

**It's Country Music's Birthday—  
Time for a Party!**

***"These recordings in Bristol in 1927 are the single most important event  
in the history of country music."*** —Johnny Cash

Did you know that 2017 is the 90th birthday of country music? It's a great time to get some classic country into your music programming.

Can a whole genre of music have a birthday? Well, country music does: The so-called "Big Bang of Country Music" took place in Bristol, Tennessee, from July 25 to August 5, 1927. The "Bristol Sessions" launched the careers of America's first two enduring country stars, Jimmie Rodgers and the Carter Family, and kicked off a boom that has made country America's most popular music to the present day.

**Tennessee Walt's Bristol & Beyond: The Birth of Country Music** is a perfect way to celebrate the anniversary. A one-man concert featuring two dozen songs from country's greatest songwriters, the program traces country's roots from pre-Bristol days down to the present, featuring songs by Rodgers and the Carter Family, and also by such famous descendants as Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and even Taylor Swift, arranged for voice and piano. Between songs, your audience gets historical context and funny, revealing anecdotes about the songs and the men and women who wrote and recorded them.

Starring Gayden Wren (a familiar face at Long Island libraries as a 40-year member of the Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island) as Tennessee Walt, this fascinating look at the history of America's musical heartland delivers the laughter, the tears and the irresistible music that will keep your audience captivated throughout.

Call today to book your performance of Tennessee Walt's Bristol & Beyond: The Birth of Country Music!

**Tennessee Walt's  
Bristol & Beyond:  
The Birth of Country Music**

is available throughout the New York area for all of 2017.

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*We look forward to hearing from you!*

