



RIVER RAISIN RAGTIME REVUE



RAGTIME EXTRAVAGANZA-SUMMERTIME CONCERTS NEW PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS-BOARD CHANGES

6th Annual Ragtime Extravaganza

Mark your calendars for another one-of-a-kind evening of ragtime, vaudeville and burlesque!

The 6th Annual Ragtime Extravaganza is set for **Saturday, January 21, 2017** at Ann Arbor's historic Michigan Theater. The concert kicks off at 8pm and tickets will soon be available at brownpapertickets.com and our website, www.ragtimeband.org.

The 2017 Extravaganza will feature another outstanding lineup of talent showcasing the golden age of American entertainment. Joining the River Raisin Ragtime Revue on stage are the vocal quartet **Three Men and A**

Tenor, named Michigan's Best Entertainers three times; bass-baritone **Daniel Washington**, who has soloed with the top orchestras of Europe and is Professor of Voice at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance; **Miss Miranda**, a top burlesque dancer and film star from

"R4 takes the ragtime repertoire to another level with their professionalism, attention to detail, and stage presence"
Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi, performers at the 2016 Extravaganza.



Three Men And A Tenor

London; **James Dapogny**, respected pianist, bandleader and scholar of the ragtime and early jazz eras; **Bianca Revels**, the tap dancing phenom featured on television's *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Showtime At The Apollo*; and **Erin Morris and Her Ragdolls**, the energetic and charismatic all-girl ragtime and jazz dance troupe.



Miss Miranda

Now in its 6th year, R4's Ragtime Extravaganza has already become an eagerly awaited tradition for Ann Arbor audiences. It is made possible with support from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. The show includes two burlesque numbers and is intended for mature audiences. Get your tickets early for the best seats!



Daniel Washington

"The performance was the most authentic recreation of the ragtime era that I have experienced..."
Reginald Robinson,
MacArthur Fellow,
performer at the 2016 Extravaganza

Ragtime On The Road

This summer, R4 took its ragtime show on the road. On June 11, R4 presented a concert at the Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club in beautiful Boyne City, MI. With the stunning backdrop of Lake Charlevoix, the orchestra performed to a boisterous and appreciative audience. The organizer sent us this nice note: "...thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!!! Last night's concert with the River Raisin Ragtime Revue was a smash hit! The evening was absolutely enchanting...the crowd absolutely LOVED them (R4)! We had beautiful weather at a beautiful venue. I hope the band enjoyed the

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- KECIA FREED, BOYNE CITY MAIN STREET PROGRAM

will present a concert at Greenfield Village's (Dearborn, MI) Old Car Festival. The festival runs the entire day, with R4 performing at 7pm. If you want R4 to present in your community, contact the Great Lakes Performing Artist Associates at 734.665.4029.

evening as much as we did and I hope we can bring them back again and again."

On Thursday, June 23rd, R4 presented at the Belleville, MI Music Lakeside concert series. Listeners enjoyed the strains of Joplin and other ragtime greats with good street food and a beautiful park environment. On July 9th, R4 heads to Winona Lake, Indiana to perform at the Village of Winona Festival of Music. And on September 10th, R4



R4 at Greenfield Village

R4 to Present New Orchestrations of MacArthur Fellow's Rags in March



Reginald R. Robinson

R4 is excited to announce a new collaboration with MacArthur Fellow (the "Genius Award") Reginald R. Robinson, of Chicago. Robinson is an acclaimed composer, pianist and historian and has penned over 200 ragtime compositions. Self-taught, he began his career in 1992 and has since recorded five albums, been featured on Marian McPartland's "Piano Jazz" program, and written music scores for television and film. Collaborating with William Hayes (R4's Music Director Emeritus) as orchestrator, Robinson and R4 will present "R4 plays R3," in March of 2017. This program will feature new orchestrations of Robinson's music for ragtime orchestra. Robinson will partake in a two week residency with masterclasses in local schools and a public concert will be presented at an Ann Arbor area venue to be announced shortly. The project will also include a compact disc recording of R4 performing the newly commissioned orchestrations. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates!

Board Changes

With sadness and much gratitude, R4 says goodbye to two hardworking members of its Board of Directors. Michael Grant, who has worked tirelessly as R4 Secretary, has stepped down after several years of outstanding service. Stepping into the roll of Secretary is Joan Cohen Jones. Dr. Jones is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics at Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches mathematics and mathematic education courses for prospective and practicing teachers. She has been a longtime fan and supporter of R4, and her skills are most welcomed and appreciated. Also leaving R4 is our fabulous student intern, Juliana Patselas, who has volunteered for R4 for the past three years. Juliana contributed to R4's grant writing efforts, marketing campaigns, social media outreach, ticket and merchandise sales, and stage management. She leaves to attend college in Cincinnati, OH. We know Michael and Juliana will remain part of the R4 family and are happy to have Joan "on board."



Juliana Patselas, student representative

Summer Concerts at Belle Isle's Remick Band Shell



Belle Isle's Remick Band Shell

R4 is in the planning stages for a series of free summer concerts at the historic Remick Band Shell on Detroit's Belle Isle. The concert series will take place during the summer of 2017 and will be free to the public. The Remick Band Shell takes its name from Detroit's Jerome H. Remick, who was the nation's largest publisher of popular music at the turn of the twentieth century. Remick published more ragtime hits than anyone, and R4 looks forward to sharing them at the venue boasting his name. Look for more information in the months to come.



The River Raisin Ragtime Revue is now in our fifteenth season of presenting great American music! Our mission is to educate and entertain audiences of all ages through performance and preservation of America's original style of popular music. Each year, we've taken on more exciting and challenging projects, with tremendous results!

We can't do it without you! Ticket sales and grant writing only cover part of the significant expense of our programming. The rest comes from the generous support of our patrons — you.

R4 is a 501c3 charitable organization and your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please consider donating, either at our website (<http://www.ragtimeband.org/donate/>) or by sending your contribution to River Raisin Ragtime Revue, 411 E. Logan St., Tecumseh, MI 49286.

Booking Information

Great Lakes Performing Artist Associates
(734) 665-4029

www.greatlakespaa.org/contact/



River Raisin Ragtime Revue Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 9th 2016 at 3pm

Performance at the Winona Heritage Room in Lake Winona, Indiana. There will be a free preview concert in downtown Village at Winona at 12 noon.

Saturday, September 10th 2016 at 7pm

R4 performs an evening concert at the spectacular Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI. For more information, visit thehenryford.org.

Saturday, January 21st 2017 at 8pm

R4's signature event and Ann Arbor tradition, the 6th Annual Ragtime Extravaganza at the Michigan Theater. This event brings together local, national and international acts to celebrate the golden eras of ragtime, vaudeville and burlesque. Tickets will be available soon at brownpapertickets.com and www.ragtimeband.org.

March, 2017

MacArthur Fellow Reginald Robinson comes to Ann Arbor, Michigan to partake in a two week residency. Robinson will work with area youth at workshops in local schools. R4 and Robinson will prepare newly commissioned orchestrations for public performance and a new CD recording. Dates to be announced shortly.

Summer, 2017

R4 presents "Raggin' on the River at the Remick," a series of free concerts at the historic Remick Bandshell on Detroit's Belle Isle. These concerts celebrate the namesake of the bandshell, Jerome H. Remick, who was the leader of the world's largest publisher of popular music. Jerome H. Remick and Co. was based in Detroit and later expanded to New York City. Don't miss these free, family-friendly concerts! Dates to be announced.