

R4--River Raisin Ragtime Revue--provides sparkling entertainment to music lovers, young and old. The 13-member ragtime orchestra transports audiences to turn-of-the-century America during their lively, entertaining concerts.

R4 has performed at concert venues throughout Michigan including the Detroit Institute of Arts and Michigan Theatre. They have collaborated with talented artists and ensembles including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, soprano Anita Johnson of the Metropolitan Opera, Bolcom and Morris, Grammy-winner Ian Whitcomb, James Dapogny, and the Willis C. Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale. Their interest in the historical aspect of their repertoire has led to a long-time partnering with Greenfield Village to present a successful annual ragtime festival. In 2012, R4 joined with the Henry Ford Museum for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibit about the Titanic, The Artifact Exhibition.

In 2005, R4 released its debut CD, "The Red Back Book: Standard High Class Rags," a collection of some of ragtime's greatest music, including Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag," "The Entertainer," and "Easy Winners." Their 2006 release, "Ragtime Detroit! Michigan's Contribution to America's Original Music," offers major hits as well as never-before recorded ragtime gems. These recordings have received outstanding reviews in local, national, and international publications and have been aired on radio stations in the United States and Europe, Australia, Israel, and Japan. George Chien, writing for *Fanfare Magazine* states, "...an eminently enjoyable disc...played with infectious enthusiasm...it is education, entertainment, and a sonic blast rolled into one." Mike Durham of *Just Jazz* [London, England] writes, "The music on this CD [Ragtime Detroit!] has been meticulously researched and is performed to an equally meticulous high standard. This CD is packed with rare treasures, beautifully played." R4's third CD, "Raggin' at Greenfield Village," released in 2011, includes some of our nation's most important early hits. "Animal Fair," their 2013 release, features uplifting and exuberant animal songs from the ragtime, blues, and early jazz eras that appeal to children and adults alike. The River Raisin Ragtime Revue, a 501(c)3 organization, is based in Tecumseh, situated on the River Raisin in Southeast Michigan.

