

*** Please copy and route to all social studies, humanities, and band teachers.***

Kentucky

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

James R. Cassidy, *Music Director*

January 10, 2022

Dear Teachers & Administrators,

The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra's Newport Ragtime Band invites you and your students to attend (in person or via live stream) its "Rags to Riches" program to experience the roots of America's Musical Heritage at Drees Auditorium on the campus of St. Henry District High School in Erlanger at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. This fast-paced historical overview of the evolution of popular American music and styles, as well as a Black History Month standout field trip, is available free of charge for both live attendance or live-streaming to classrooms.

The KSO continues its 27th consecutive year offering free education programs to students throughout NKY and Greater Cincinnati. The KSO's Newport Ragtime Band focuses on turn of the last century Ragtime, Dixieland, Blues, and early Jazz from 1898-1933. In addition to genres from across the country, the band incorporates the works of local composers/musicians to offer a historical account of the times and the local contribution to one of America's greatest exports — its music.

"Rags to Riches"

The Roots of America's Musical Heritage (Grades 6-12)

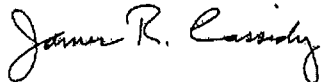
Just a Closer Walk With TheeTraditional
Entertainer.....Scott Joplin
St. Louis Blues.....W.C. Handy
Queen Rag.....Floyd Willis
When It's Sleepy Time Down South...Clarence Muse
Castle Walk.....James Reese Europe
Black Bottom Stomp.....Jelly Roll Morton
Yo' Feets Too Big.....Fats Waller
Weary Blues.....Artie Matthews
Minnie the Moocher.....Cab Calloway
Q&A
When the Saints go Marching In.....Traditional

Rags to Riches is an excellent program to promote Black History Month. The 55-minute program features the stories and music of sons of former slaves, and how each, via perseverance and work ethic, developed their respective talents and entrepreneurial skills, to sprout the roots of American popular music.

Admission remains free to all students and schools. We hope that you and your class might attend in person or on-line at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022, from St. Henry District H.S. in Erlanger, KY. To reserve your slot, simply complete fax back the enclosed reservation form to (859) 431-3097, or go to kyso.org to complete the on-line form.

Thank you for all that you do to ensure students receive a well-rounded education including the arts.

Respectfully,



KSO Executive / Music Director

Teacher quotes:

"This KSO program continues to offer not only Jazz history, but Cincinnati music history as well...KSO fills gaps by providing an additional voice and explanation beyond the teacher." – Michael Wade, Withrow University H.S.

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Education Outreach Programs

(Go to kyso.org to fill out this form on-line. No phone reservations please)

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022
“Rag to Riches” Reservation Form
Drees Auditorium, St. Henry District High School

School: _____

Contact person / title: _____

E-mail address: _____

School address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

% of students within your school currently on free / reduced lunch program. _____
(Foundations and funders of the KSO education offerings often request this information.)

Concert: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022

- We plan to attend live (in person) Bus Car
- We plan to watch the live-stream (in class)

Number of Students: _____ Grades: 6-8 9-12

Number of Teachers / Chaperones: _____

- Transportation: Bus
- Carpool (recommended lot: Central Riverfront Parking Garage)

Return this form to the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra via fax, email or mail.

Fax: (859) 431-3097

KSO, P.O. Box 72810 Newport, KY 41072

Questions / Info: E-mail jr@kyso.org

Keep a copy of this form for your files.

The confirmation email will be forthcoming, please white list kyso.org