

RAGS to RICHES



RAGS TO RICHES presents a broad array of songs from America's original pop music, Ragtime, a timeless marriage of Afro-American rhythms and European form and harmony. It was performed in theatres, on the riverboats, in New Orleans nightspots, and in the front parlor at home on the upright piano, at the turn of the last century. Now at the turn of this new century, Rags To Riches can bring these familiar tunes back to us with verve and style.

This is classic Ragtime at its best, performed by between six and eleven musicians attired in white tie and tails. They can also be accompanied by turn of the century dancers in period costumes, doing the Two-Step, the Turkey Trot and the Cake Walk.

There's never a dull moment as Rags to Riches plays sparkling renditions of such Scott Joplin favorites as The Entertainer, The Maple Leaf Rag, Easy Winners, and A Breeze from Alabama. Elegant waltzes and tangos, as well as early New Orleans jazz selections like The Tiger Rag and Alexander's Ragtime Band complete the group's musical journey a hundred years back in time.