



Main Campus
1555 South Raisinville Road
Monroe, MI 48161-9746

Whitman Center
7777 Lewis Avenue
Temperance, MI 48182

www.monroecc.edu

Contact:
Joe Verkennes,
Director of Marketing,
(734) 384-4207

March 24, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TECUMSEH-BASED RIVER RAISIN RAGTIME REVUE TO PLAY IN MONROE AT MCCC

*Group Transports Audiences to the ‘Cultural and
Social Conditions of Turn-of-the-Century America’*

MONROE, Mich. – The River Raisin Ragtime Revue – a Tecumseh-based, 13-member musical group that specializes in the history and performance of ragtime and early jazz music – will play at Monroe County Community College’s La-Z-Boy Center on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The La-Z-Boy Center is located on MCCC’s Main Campus at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe. The River Raisin Ragtime Revue’s mission is to offer accessible education and entertainment of the highest level through the performance, preservation and restoration of significant American music.

The group highlights the development of our country’s original popular musical style – ragtime. Utilizing a meticulously-researched and engaging narrative, the group transports the audience to the cultural and social conditions of turn-of-the-century America. Special emphasis is given to the contributions of African American composers and the obstacles they overcame in attempting to gain acceptance of this unique, original art form.

(more)

“Listening is like being transported back in time to a concert in the park on a pleasant Sunday afternoon a century ago,” said Bill Mitchel of The Mississippi Rag. “The orchestra is thoroughly professional.”

According to the All Music Guide, “They sound very much like a ragtime ensemble from circa 1910, performing the ancient and obscure music flawlessly.”

The group has regularly performs at quality venues including The Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Institute of Art and Ann Arbor’s Michigan Theater, and has partnered with historic Greenfield Village in Dearborn to present a major annual ragtime festival drawing thousands.

The River Raisin Ragtime Revue has collaborated with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and numerous major soloists to create engaging community programming. It produces an annual Ragtime Extravaganza! program that brings together musicians, dancers, actors and visual artists to recreate a ragtime-era vaudeville revue. In an effort to bring music to underserved areas, the group has participated in school workshop programs throughout the state and has brought high-caliber entertainment to hospitals and assisted-living communities.

Tickets are \$17. They can be purchased on the Web at www.monroeccc.edu/theater, in person at the Cashier’s Office in the Warrick Student Services/Administration Building or via phone by calling the MCCC Ticket Hotline at (734) 384-4272. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Group rates, rooms and catering are available in conjunction with the concert. For more information, contact Tom Ryder at (734) 384-4201 or tryder@monroeccc.edu.

The 2013-14 MCCC Season of Events sponsors are DTE Energy, Michigan Gas Utilities, Monroe Bank & Trust, La-Z-Boy Incorporated, the DTE Energy Foundation and Siena Heights University.

