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Tony Award-winning musical *Ragtime* Opens March 8<sup>th</sup> at Sinclair Auditorium,  
Coe College

**Cedar Rapids, IA** - Revival Theatre Company (RTC) proudly opens its fourth season with *Ragtime in Concert* written by Terrence McNally, with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. *Ragtime*, set in early 20<sup>th</sup> century New York City, introduces the American experience through three different perspectives: African Americans, represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr., a Harlem musician; upper-class suburbanites, represented by Mother, the matriarch of a white upper-class family in New Rochelle, New York; and Eastern European immigrants, represented by Tateh, a Jewish immigrant from Latvia. Many turn of the 20th century historical figures are featured including Harry Houdini, Evelyn Nesbit, Booker T. Washington, J. P. Morgan, Henry Ford, Stanford White, Harry Kendall Thaw, Admiral Peary, Matthew Henson, and Emma Goldman.

Ezekiel Andrew will be playing the role of Coalhouse Walker Jr. Ezekiel previously played the role with the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre Company. The role of Mother will be played by Amy Friedl Stoner who most recently played the title role in *Evita* with RTC. Casey Prince will play the role of Tateh in his debut with RTC.



Ezekiel Andres –  
Coalhouse Walker Jr



Amy Friedl Stoner-  
Mother



Casey Prince –  
Tateh

The original 1998 Broadway Production earned five Tony Awards, and was nominated for Best Musical and several other categories. The 2009 Broadway Revival was nominated for Six Tonys, including Best Revival of a Musical.

Featuring a full chorus and orchestra in a unique staged concert format, Revival Theatre Company will perform at Sinclair Auditorium on the campus of Coe College on March 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>. Other familiar names in the cast include Tim Riven, Rosemary Gast, Jordan Arnold and Alicia Strong. Direction led by Brian Glick with Cameron Sullenberger serving as Musical Director. RTC will also welcome back familiar favorites Alvon Reed as Choreographer, Michelle Perrin Blair as Conductor and Scott Olinger as Lighting and Projection designer. RTC is also delighted to announce Deanna Downes as Dramaturge for the production. Deanna is a post-doctoral diversity fellow at Coe College. Kathryn Huang is Costume Designer.

Revival Theatre Company's 2018 season is sponsored by David Maier and Matthew McGrane. Rockwell Collins is the production sponsor for ***Ragtime in Concert***, with additional funding by Jeff and Mary Beth Standerski.

*To learn more about Revival Theatre Company and Ragtime in Concert, go to <http://revivaltheatrecompany.com/#shows>.*

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## CALENDAR LISTING

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### WHAT

Ragtime in Concert

### WHO

By Terrence McNally

Directed by Brian Glick

Musical Direction by Cameron Sullenberger

### FEATURING

\*Ezekiel Andrew: COALHOUSE WALKER JR.

\*Amy Friedl Stoner: MOTHER

\*Casey Prince: TATEH

### WHEN

March 8 – 10th

### PERFORMANCES

OPENING NIGHT: Thursday, March 8th at 7:30pm

Evenings: Friday and Saturday, 7:30pm

## WHERE

Sinclair Auditorium, Coe College | 1st Avenue East | Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

## ABOUT

Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, Ragtime celebrates and examines the journey of three different characters who confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in America. The Tony Award-winning score by the writing team of Lynn Ahrens and Steven Flaherty is just as diverse and exciting as the melting pot of America itself. Featuring a full chorus and orchestra in a unique staged concert format, Ragtime is sure to take you on a glorious musical theatre experience you won't want to miss!

Tickets \$40

Discounts for students and groups of 10 or more are available.

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