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Maple Leaf Rag Problems playing this file? Ragtime originated in African American music in the late 19th century and descended from the jigs and march music played by African American bands, referred to as "jig piano" or "piano thumping". A distinctly American musical style, ragtime may be considered a synthesis of African syncopation and European classical music, especially the marches made popular by John Philip Sousa. Some early piano rags are entitled marches, and "jig" and "rag" were used interchangeably in the mids. In , black entertainer Ernest Hogan composed two of the earliest sheet music rags, one of which " All Coons Look Alike to Me " eventually sold a million copies. The other composition was called "La Pas Ma La," and it was also a hit. Ragtime was one of the main influences on the early development of jazz along with the blues. Some artists, such as Jelly Roll Morton , were present and performed both ragtime and jazz styles during the period the two styles overlapped. He also incorporated the Spanish Tinge in his performances, which gave a habanera or tango rhythm to his music. The heyday of ragtime occurred before sound recording was widely available. Like classical music, and unlike jazz, classical ragtime had and has primarily a written tradition, being distributed in sheet music rather than through recordings or by imitation of live performances. Ragtime music was also distributed via piano rolls for player pianos. Where traditional ragtime depended on amateur pianists and sheet music sales, the novelty rag took advantage of new advances in piano-roll technology and the phonograph record to permit a more complex, pyrotechnic, performance-oriented style of rag to be heard. Chief among the novelty rag composers is Zez Confrey , whose " Kitten on the Keys " popularized the style in Ragtime also served as the roots for stride piano , a more improvisational piano style popular in the s and s. Elements of ragtime found their way into much of the American popular music of the early 20th century. It also played a central role in the development of the musical style later referred to as Piedmont blues ; indeed, much of the music played by such artists of the style as Reverend Gary Davis , Blind Boy Fuller , Elizabeth Cotten , and Etta Baker could be referred to as "ragtime guitar. Ragtime guitar continued to be popular into the s, usually in the form of songs accompanied by skilled guitar work. Occasionally ragtime was scored for ensembles particularly dance bands and brass bands similar to those of James Reese Europe or as songs like those written by Irving Berlin. Joplin had long-standing ambitions of synthesizing the worlds of ragtime and opera , to which end the opera Treemonisha was written. The rag was a modification of the march made popular by John Philip Sousa, with additional polyrhythms coming from African music. According to some sources the name "ragtime" may come from the "ragged or syncopated rhythm" of the right hand. The defining characteristic of ragtime music is a specific type of syncopation in which melodic accents occur between metrical beats. This results in a melody that seems to be avoiding some metrical beats of the accompaniment by emphasizing notes that either anticipate or follow the beat "a rhythmic base of metric affirmation, and a melody of metric denial" [25]. The ultimate and intended effect on the listener is actually to accentuate the beat, thereby inducing the listener to move to the music. Converting a non-ragtime piece of music into ragtime by changing the time values of melody notes is known as "ragging" the piece. Original ragtime pieces usually contain several distinct themes, four being the most common number. These themes were typically 16 bars, each theme divided into periods of four four-bar phrases and arranged in patterns of repeats and reprises. Sometimes rags would include introductions of four bars or bridges, between themes, of anywhere between four and 24 bars. Doctorow used the quotation as the epigraph to his novel Ragtime. Related forms and styles[ edit ] Sheet music cover for "Spaghetti Rag" by Lyons and Yosco Ragtime pieces came in a number of different styles during the years of its popularity and appeared under a number of different descriptive names. It is related to several earlier styles of music, has close ties with later styles of music, and was associated with a few musical fads of the period such as the foxtrot. Many of the terms associated with ragtime have inexact

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definitions and are defined differently by different experts; the definitions are muddled further by the fact that publishers often labelled pieces for the fad of the moment rather than the true style of the composition. There is even disagreement about the term "ragtime" itself; experts such as David Jasen and Trebor Tichenor choose to exclude ragtime songs from the definition but include novelty piano and stride piano a modern perspective , while Edward A. Berlin includes ragtime songs and excludes the later styles which is closer to how ragtime was viewed originally. The terms below should not be considered exact, but merely an attempt to pin down the general meaning of the concept. Shoe Tickler Rag, cover of the music sheet for a song from by Wilbur Campbell Cakewalk " a pre-ragtime dance form popular until about The music is intended to be representative of an African-American dance contest in which the prize is a cake. Many early rags are cakewalks. Characteristic march " a march incorporating idiomatic touches such as syncopation supposedly characteristic of the race of their subject, which is usually African-Americans. Many early rags are characteristic marches. Two-step " a pre-ragtime dance form popular until about A large number of rags are two-steps. Slow drag " another dance form associated with early ragtime. A modest number of rags are slow drags. Coon song " a pre-ragtime vocal form popular until about A song with crude, racist lyrics often sung by white performers in blackface. Gradually died out in favor of the ragtime song. It was strongly associated with ragtime in its day. Ragtime song " the vocal form of ragtime, more generic in theme than the coon song. Though this was the form of music most commonly considered "ragtime" in its day, many people today prefer to put it in the "popular music" category. Gene Greene was a famous singer in this style. Folk ragtime " ragtime that originated from small towns or assembled from folk strains, or at least sounded as if they did. Folk rags often have unusual chromatic features typical of composers with non-standard training. Fox-trot " a dance fad that began in Fox-trots contain a dotted-note rhythm different from that of ragtime, but which nonetheless was incorporated into many late rags. Novelty piano " a piano composition emphasizing speed and complexity, which emerged after World War I. It is almost exclusively the domain of white composers. Stride piano " a style of piano that emerged after World War I, developed by and dominated by black East-coast pianists James P. Together with novelty piano, it may be considered a successor to ragtime, but is not considered by all to be "genuine" ragtime. Johnson composed the song that is arguably most associated with the Roaring Twenties, " Charleston. American, pre, ragtime composers[ edit ] By far the most famous ragtime composer [note 1] was Scott Joplin. Joseph Lamb , James Scott , and Joplin are, together, acknowledged as the three most sophisticated ragtime composers. Stone and Wilbur Sweatman. Please help improve it by rewriting it in an encyclopedic style.

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Early life[ edit ] According to author Edward A. The location is easily dispensed with: Texarkana was not established until Consequently, it appears possible that Joplin, born 12 years later, could have been born in Texarkana. Despite evidence to support such a conclusion, some insist that Joplin was born in Linden, Texas , either in late or early His wife Florence struggled to support her children through domestic work. While a few local teachers aided him, he received most of his music education from Julius Weiss , a German-born American Jewish music professor who had immigrated to Texas in the late s and was employed as music tutor to a prominent local business family. He tutored the year-old Joplin until the boy was 16, during which time Weiss introduced him to folk and classical music, including opera. Weiss helped Joplin appreciate music as an "art as well as an entertainment," [14] and helped his mother acquire a used piano. In his later years, after achieving fame as a composer, Joplin sent his former teacher " In addition he taught guitar and mandolin. Churches and brothels were among the few options for steady work. Louis during this time. While in Chicago, he formed his first band playing cornet and began arranging music for the group to perform. The exposition was attended by 27 million Americans and had a profound effect on many areas of American cultural life, including ragtime. Although specific information is sparse, numerous sources have credited the Chicago World Fair with spreading the popularity of ragtime. Louis Dispatch as " This is the first surviving recording of the "Maple Leaf Rag" [22] [23] [24] [25] Problems playing this file? In Joplin arrived in Sedalia, Missouri. He performed in the Queen City Cornet Band, and his own six-piece dance orchestra. A tour with his own singing group, the Texas Medley Quartet, gave him his first opportunity to publish his own compositions and it is known that he went to Syracuse, New York and Texas. Smith College , where he apparently studied " Berlin notes that it was unlikely that a small college for African-Americans would be able to provide such a course. Although there were hundreds of rags in print by the time the "Maple Leaf Rag" was published, Joplin was not far behind. His first published rag, " Original Rags ", had been completed in , the same year as the first ragtime work in print, the "Mississippi Rag" by William Krell. The "Maple Leaf Rag" was likely to have been known in Sedalia before its publication in ; Brun Campbell claimed to have seen the manuscript of the work in around After several unsuccessful approaches to publishers, Joplin signed a contract on August 10, with John Stillwell Stark , a retailer of musical instruments who later became his most important publisher. Louis, Missouri There have been many claims about the sales of the "Maple Leaf Rag", for example that Joplin was the first musician to sell 1 million copies of a piece of instrumental music. Later sales were steady, and would have given Joplin an income that would have covered his expenses. After the Joplins moved to St. Louis in early , they had a baby daughter who died only a few months after birth. They eventually separated and then divorced. Louis that Joplin produced some of his best-known works, including " The Entertainer ", "March Majestic", and the short theatrical work " The Ragtime Dance ". She died on September 10, , of complications resulting from a cold, ten weeks after their wedding. It is not certain how many productions were staged, or even if this was an all-black show or a racially mixed production. During the tour, either in Springfield, Illinois , or Pittsburg, Kansas , someone associated with the company stole the box office receipts. In , as a last-ditch effort to see it performed, he invited a small audience to hear it at a rehearsal hall in Harlem. Poorly staged and with only Joplin on piano accompaniment, it was "a miserable failure" to a public not ready for "crude" black musical formsâ€”so different from the European grand opera of that time. Joplin suffered a breakdown. He was bankrupt, discouraged, and worn out.

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I have had this volume for many years and continue to study and learn from it, in playing familiar works and learning new pieces. The volume is an endless source of delight and inspiration. Born in east Texas to a father who had been a former slave and to a free black mother, Joplin showed musical talent at an early age and received free piano lessons oriented towards classical music from a local white teacher who recognized his talent. At 14, Joplin left home and assumed a wandering life in hopes of furthering his dream to become a composer and musician. He ultimately settled in St. Louis and Sedalia, Missouri where he began to compose the ragtime that would make him famous. Late in life Joplin moved to New York City where he continued to compose ragtime while spending most of his energy on his opera "Treemonisha. This volume includes familiar and unfamiliar Joplin. The most familiar of his ragtime works are the "Maple Leaf Rag" and "The Entertainer" which became famous when used in "The Sting. Joplin also combined with friends and students in writing some pieces, including "Heliotrope Bouquet" with the gifted but troubled Louis Chauvin and "Swipesy" which Joplin wrote with his young student, Arthur Marshall. Joplin also wrote beautiful waltzes, including "Bethena" and "Binks Waltz" He also wrote a tango called "Solace" Joplin tried to combine African American and classical music idioms to help create a distinctively American music. This is an elusive goal that has been pursued by many other composers. His piano music is not easy to play but is generally within the reach of determined amateurs, such as myself. Joplin wrote a set of exercises, the "School of Ragtime" to help aspiring pianists learn the skills needed to play his music. Joplin also said regarding his works: Over the years, I have played Joplin for my own enjoyment, for friends, and at various venues on a volunteer basis. Scott Joplin remains an American treasure. As Joplin wished, his music breaks down claimed musical boundaries between classical and popular. This volume will bring joy to lovers of the piano and to serious pianists, whether amateur or professional.

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