

# KANSAS CITY RAGTIME & BEYOND

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Three concerts in May and June of 2017

David Thomas Roberts

May 30 2017

Schmitt Music

6:00 PM

Suggested donation at the  
door - \$20



Frederick Hodges

Two Concerts

Totally different programs

Suggested donation at the  
door - \$20

Sunday June 11, 2017

2:00 PM

House concert, a tour of a collection  
of automatic mechanical musical  
instruments and refreshments  
For more information, to reserve  
seat, or get directions, call  
913 491 6923

Saturday, June 10, 2017

2:00 PM

Schmitt Music

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In an earlier Newsletter, we informed you that The Board of KCRR had voted to change the name of our organization from Kansas City Ragtime Revelry to Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond. This Newsletter represents a significant step in that transition. The change is being made because Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond reflects the current status; although the roots of our activities lie in Ragtime, our interests and offerings go beyond the narrow definition of ragtime. The Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond website is now officially [www.kcragtime.org](http://www.kcragtime.org) although [www.kcragtimerevelry.org](http://www.kcragtimerevelry.org) will also take you to the site.

**Recognition**

Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond would like to recognize individuals who volunteer their time to organize the concerts and bring talented musicians to Kansas City.

	<b>Board of Directors</b>		<b>Volunteers</b>
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Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond would also like to recognize those who have made a financial contribution that helps support the continuation of our concerts and other activities.

**2017 Donors – Bronze Level and Above**

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Hazel and Stuart Herman	Diane Capps	Megan and Charlie Wehner
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**David Thomas Roberts**

Composer-pianist, visual artist and writer David Thomas Roberts was born in Moss Point, Mississippi in 1955 and was painting, composing and writing by age eight. He has written over 120 works for piano and numerous chamber, vocal and electronic pieces. Though he has worked in various genres from his late teens, it is for his unique contribution to New Ragtime and its related idiom, Terra Verde, that he is best known. While still in his twenties, he came to be regarded as the leading living



composer of piano rags and was hailed by New Orleans historian Al Rose as "the most important composer of this half century in America."

As a pianist, David has concertized from Oslo Concert Hall to the major cities of Japan to New York's 92nd Street Y and throughout the U.S. His compositions have been recorded by a great variety of soloists and ensembles, from Japanese guitarist Takasi Hamada to Norway's Ophelia Orchestra. His music has been heard on the major media venues of North America from ABC TV's Good Morning America to National Public Radio's All Things Considered and across Canada on CBC radio. In 2003 he accompanied the Oakland Ballet with arrangements of works by classic composers. He is a frequent recipient of grants from Meet the Composer.

David will also be performing a house concert at the home of Nannette Rod on June 6, 2017 (913 381-0437 or [jnrod83@att.net](mailto:jnrod83@att.net)).

**Why are all of these musicians coming to Kansas City at this time of the year?**

Every year the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival is held the first weekend of June. Most of the musicians who perform come from distance places and they usually pass through either Kansas City or St. Louis. David Thomas Roberts and Frederick Hodges live in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. Their concerts here between May 30 and June 11 are stopping points their way to Sedalia. Richard Dowling will also be passing through KC on his way to Sedalia. Consider spending some time in Sedalia May 31 through June 3. Most of the well-known ragtime artists, and many you have never heard of, will be there. It is a lot of great music not far from home.

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## Frederick Hodges

is highly sought after by orchestras, festivals, conductors, and collaborative musicians. His discerning artistry, extraordinary virtuosity, and personal charisma have brought him to the world's most renowned stages, leaving audiences around the globe captivated. Classically trained as a concert pianist, Mr. Hodges has established a reputation as a truly versatile musician, equally adept as



soloist, singer, and recording artist. He appears frequently as guest soloist with the California Pops Orchestra, and the Palm Court Light Orchestra in Victoria, British Columbia. He is also the official pianist of Don Neely's Royal Society Jazz Orchestra in San Francisco. His extensive repertoire includes all the best known and beloved ragtime, stride, and novelty piano solo pieces. He has appeared on national television, radio, and in several Hollywood films. He is also frequently heard as a silent film accompanist in both live performances and on DVD. Mr. Hodges performs regularly at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum in Fremont, California. He was selected by Paramount Studios to provide background music for the reissue of the Academy Award winning silent movie "Wings". His discography includes numerous solo and collaborative CDs.

## Frederick Hodges Concerts

The June Frederick Hodges concert at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cusick has become an annual event. It was originally timed just after the Scott Joplin Festival in Sedalia, MO to catch Mr. Hodges while in the Kansas City area and it was co-sponsored by KCRR and the local chapter of AMICA (Automatic Mechanical Instruments Collectors Association). It has become a very popular annual event and may have outgrown the Cusick Home. Therefore, this year there will be two concerts.

One concert will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Schmitt Music (7316 W 119th St., Overland Park, KS -- Rosanna Square shopping Center -- Metcalf and 119<sup>th</sup> St.) beginning at 2:00 PM. This concert is planned for individuals who would like to hear Frederick, but have seen Dr. Cusick's collection of automatic mechanical musical instruments. There will be no refreshments served at this concert.

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The second concert will also begin a 2:00 PM at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Doug Cusick. The Cusicks have an extensive collection of automatic mechanical musical instruments. The afternoon will begin with a concert by Frederick Hodges on one of the Cusick's grand pianos. This will be followed by refreshments and a tour of the automatic mechanical musical instrument collection. People who have seen this collection have been amazed with the breath and variety of this extensive collection. Since space for this house concert is limited, if you are interested in attending, call 913 491 6923 for information, to make a reservation and get directions.

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April 1, 2017 was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Scott Joplin in New York City. On that day, Richard Dowling played all fifty-three rags published by Joplin in two concerts. The concerts, one beginning at 2:00 PM and the second at 7:00 PM, were played before sell-out audiences in the Weil Auditorium of Carnegie Hall. Richard will play part of his Joplin concerts at the Gem Theater in Kansas City on September 19, 2017



Richard Dowling playing Joplin at Carnegie Hall

Continental Cuisine  
with an American twist  
in the main dining room  
beginning 4:00 PM

Dick Hawk's  
**GASLIGHT GRILL**

*Featuring*

**Lynn Zimmer**

and the Jazz Band  
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6:00 PM Sunday

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**GASLIGHT GRILL**  
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(between Roe and Nall)  
Leawood, Kansas 66224  
(913) 897-3540

List of future Ragtime and Early Jazz events. A partial list - Local events are in <b>Bold</b> .		
Date	Event	Contact
<b>First Monday of every month</b>	<b>New Red Onion Jazz Babies Gaslight Grill, Overland Park, KS</b>	(913) 897-3540
May 25-28	Word Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest, Oxford, MS	662-915-1282 oldtimepianoplayingcontest.com
May 26-29, 2017	Sacramento Music Festival, Sacramento, CA	916 444 2004 sacmusicfest.com
<b>May 30, 2017</b>	<b>David Thomas Roberts. Schmitt Music 6:00 PM A KCRB concert</b>	<b>913 491 6923</b>
June 1-3, 2017	Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival; Sedalia, Missouri	www.scottjoplin.org
<b>June 6, 2017</b>	<b>David Thomas Roberts - A house concert</b>	<b>913 381-0437 or <a href="mailto:jnrod83@att.net">jnrod83@att.net</a></b>
<b>June 10, 2017</b>	<b>Frederick Hodges – Schmitt Music 2:00 PM A KCRB concert</b>	<b>913 491 6923</b>
<b>June 11, 2017</b>	<b>Frederick Hodges - House concert 2:00 PM A KCRB event</b>	<b>913 491 6923</b>
July 28-30, 2017	Evergreen Jazz Festival, Evergreen, CO	303 697 5467 evergreenjazz.org
August 3-5, 2017	Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival, Davenport, IA	888 BIX-LIVS; 563 324 7170 <a href="mailto:info@bixsociety.org">info@bixsociety.org</a> ; www.bixsociety.org
August 11-13, 2017	Sutter Creek Ragtime Festival, Sutter Creek, CA	209 405 1563 suttercreekragtime.com
<b>September 19, 2017</b>	<b>Richard Dowling Plays Joplin at the Gem Theater, Kansas City, MO</b>	
<b>November 13, 14 or 15, 2017</b>	<b>Brian Holland and Danny Coots A KCRB concert</b>	<b>913 491 6923</b>
November 17-19, 2017	West Coast Ragtime Festival - Sacramento, CA	

## KANSAS CITY RAGTIME AND BEYOND MEMBERSHIP

KCRB cannot bring outstanding entertainment to Kansas City without support of those of you who enjoy the music. Admission alone does not cover the cost of our concerts. By becoming a member or donor of Kansas City Ragtime and Beyond you can support our yearly concert series and other activities of this organization, including taking our musicians into schools. Specific donations have made it possible to take Frederick Hodges, Nan Bostick, Bryan Wright, the Barnharts, Carl Sonny Leyland and others into schools. Another special donation made it possible for KCRB to support the Vine Street Seven at the 2015 Union Station Memorial Day concert, giving KCRB visibility on the large screens on either side of the stage. Identify a musical event that means something to you or sponsor a musician and help KCRB make it happen! Call Jerry (913 491 6923) for details.

All levels of membership will receive our newsletters. KCRB is a 501(c)(3) corporation and deductions allowable within the tax law apply. Donors at the bronze level and above, will be listed in KCRB newsletters, programs and other literature. Membership and donor levels are listed in the table below.

Donor Level	Annual Donation Amount
Basic Membership	\$25 to \$49
Bronze	\$50 to \$99
Silver	\$100 to \$249
Gold	\$250 to \$499
Platinum	\$500 and above

Current and new members – Use the form, below to update your contact or preference information.  
A similar form is available in the KCRB website ([www.kcragtime.org](http://www.kcragtime.org))

**KCRB Membership and Contact List Information**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete the above form and send it and your donation to: Don Grimes, 6606 Hauser, Shawnee, KS 66216

Make checks payable to KCRB.

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Upcoming concerts of interest

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