



Newsletter of

Kansas  
City  
Ragtime  
Revelry

Presents

Ethan

Uslan

Thursday

October 1, 2015

7:00 PM

Californos Restaurant



**Come, listen to ragtime and early jazz.**

Dine if you desire.

\*\*\*See comments about dinner – page 6\*\*\*

(816) 531-1097 for dinner reservations

Concert tickets - \$20.00 at the door

Children with parents and students with student identification admitted free.

# Recognition

Kansas City Ragtime Revelry would like to recognize individuals who volunteer for, or are major contributors to, our efforts.

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## Ethan Uslan

is a ragtime/jazz/silent film pianist based in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a 3-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest, which was held each year over the Memorial Day weekend. He has performed all over the USA as well as in the UK, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, and Cyberspace, where his jazzed-up *Für Elise* has gone viral.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCfGXwx1mJs>)

Aside from solo work, Ethan has appeared with symphony orchestras, jazz bands large and small, improv comedy groups, and even a clown show.

Beginning classical studies at the age of 9 in his hometown of South Orange, NJ, Ethan went on to study classical piano at Indiana University. After a while, Ethan became overloaded with classical music, and began to play Scott Joplin and Fats Waller as a diversion. Eventually the syncopated music took over his life, and he hasn't looked back since.

Ethan's performances are filled with passion, humor, virtuosity, and a deep love for America's rich musical past. His vast repertoire includes original arrangements of Civil-War era songs, New Orleans Jazz, 1920s Charlestons, blues, stomps, Harlem stride piano, swing, Cuban rumbas, jazzed-up versions of classical masterpieces, and one Hawaiian song called *Yaaka Hula Hickey Dula*.



Ethan Uslan at Old-Time Piano Playing Contest



Ethan Usan accompanying vocalist

The National Endowment for the Arts reported that only one in three U. S. adults attended an arts event such as a classical music or jazz performance in 2012, down from over 40% of the population 20 years ago in 1992.

Help improve the statistics – attend a KCRR concert.



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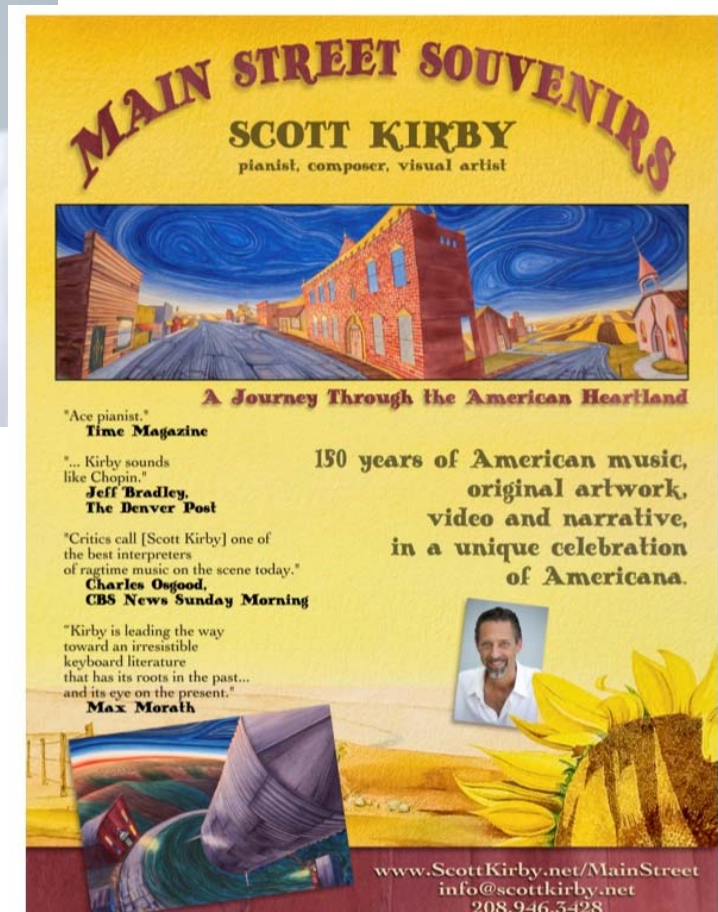
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## Scott Kirby will be performing in Kansas City.

KCRR is pleased to inform our membership that Scott Kirby will be presenting his multimedia show: *Main Street Souvenirs* at Schmitt's Music. We encourage you to attend.



Scott  
Kirby



Schmitt's Music

7316 W. 119th in Overland Park, KS

Date: September 18, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM to -8:00 PM

Admission FREE - suggested donation: \$15

Please note.

Unfortunately, Californos can no longer serve dinner in the concert area before or during the concert. If you plan to have dinner, please make your reservation for the main dining area on the first floor. We realize that service has been slow on occasions in the past and have pointed this out to the Californos management. It is recommended that you plan on having dinner beginning at 5:30 (or before) to ensure that you will be finished with your dinner by the 7:00 PM concert time.

As you may remember, we had planned to have Carl Sonny Leyland for our second concert this fall. Unfortunately his schedule does not allow for a trip to the Midwest at this time. We will continue to search for a musician for a second concert later this fall and to find a time for a Carl Sonny Leyland concert in the future.

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion about when the KCRR membership year starts. Members ask when dues and donations are due. We would like to clarify that KCRR's fiscal year is the calendar year. Dues for each year are due at the beginning of the year. If, at the end of a year you are looking for a tax deduction, send a check to our Treasurer, Don Grimes and inform him you would like the money to go toward your dues or donation for the coming year.

Speaking of financial issues, you may have noticed the page recognizing volunteers and donors (page 2) looks a little different in this Newsletter. That is because we had a good problem. The number of donors has increased to the point that we needed more space to list donors. Thank you for your continued support of KCRR! We will continue to bring quality and early jazz performers to Kansas City. We are always interested in your comments and suggestions.

Jerry Lanese,

President, KCRR

Dick Hawk's

## GASLIGHT GRILL

*Featuring*

**Lynn Zimmer**

and the Jazz Band  
in the Back Room

6:30 PM Wedneay through Saturday  
6:00 PM Sunday

Continental Cuisine  
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## KANSAS CITY RAGTIME REVELRY MEMBERSHIP

KCRR cannot bring outstanding entertainment to Kanas 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 Revelry you can support our yearly concert series and other activities of this organization, including taking our musicians into schools. General donations have allowed KCRR to present quality concerts. Several generous donations made it possible to bring Ophelia and Morten Gunnar Larsen to Kansas City. Specific donations have made it possible to take Frederick Hodges, Nan Bostick, Bryan Wright, the Barnharts and others into schools. Another special donation made it possible for KCRR to support the Vine Street Seven at the Union Station Memorial Day concert, giving KCRR visibility on the large screens on either side of the stage. Identify a musical event that means something to you and help KCRR make it happen!

All levels of membership will receive our newsletters. KCRR 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 KCRR 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

Current and new members – Use the form, below to update your contact or preference information.

A similar form is available in the KCRR website ([www.kcragtimerevelry.org](http://www.kcragtimerevelry.org))

### KCRR Membership and Contact List Information

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please update my contact information and/or preferences

Please remove my name from the KCRR

Send Newsletter by \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Postal Service

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I am interested in seeing/hearing the following artist. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Coming KCRR Performers**

Ethan Uslan

October 1, 2015

February, 2016

Scott Joplin Foundation Artist in Residence

To be announced

April 13, 2016

Brian Holland & Danny Coots

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