



Missouri Music Hall of Fame Elected 2011

Scott Joplin (circa 1867-1917)

Scott Joplin arrived in Sedalia, Missouri in the late 1800's; quickly leaving behind his living as a piano teacher to pursue the art of writing iconic harmonies and memorable melodies. Short stints in St. Louis led to a career changing opportunity at the Chicago's World Fair where Joplin crossed racial lines with the introduction of "ragged syncopated" compositions. In his short lifetime, Joplin would expand beyond the scope of his popular forum (now known across the world as "ragtime") by composing multiple Operas, all the while producing immortal tracks like the "Maple Leaf Rag", "Lily Queen", and arguably his most iconic tune, "The Entertainer". Canonized forever in popular films and other mediums, the wealth of material generated by Pulitzer Prize winning Scott Joplin continues to erase color barriers and influence generations of musician and music fans alike. Scott Joplin was inducted into the Missouri Music Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2012 on August 31st at Phil Welch Stadium, St. Joseph, Missouri.