

# The American Ragtime Ensemble

## Ragtime Chamber Music



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This CD celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **The American Ragtime Ensemble**. This recording reaches back to sessions from 1975. The title of this recording, Ragtime Chamber Music, reflects the merger of the traditional ragtime form with the even older tradition of chamber music, a term that evokes the gathering of a small group of musicians for enjoyable music making.

**The American Ragtime Ensemble**, directed by **David Reffkin**, was founded in 1973. David's recent career included a 4-year stint as a first violinist with the **Grammy-Winning** New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble (conducted by Gunther Schuller). He was a founder and co-director of the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival, where he directed the All-Star Orchestra for ten years. He appears on numerous recordings as either a soloist or ensemble member, including 2 recordings with **Doc Severinsen** and concert band. Since 1981 David has been the producer and host of "The Ragtime Machine", a weekly program of ragtime music, news and interviews, on KUSF-FM, San Francisco.

### Key Selling Points:

- David Reffkin engineered the **Grammy-Winning New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble** conducted by Gunther Schuller on their first album, **The Red Back Book**.
- **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary recording of The American Ragtime Ensemble**
- In-store play copies available.
- National press campaign planned with major focus on California.

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2. Aviation Rag
3. Tickle Toes
4. Castle House Rag
5. Cotton Babes
6. Gladiolus Rag
7. Powder Rag
8. Wall Street Rag
9. Louisiana Rag
10. Russian Rag
11. Valley Flower
12. Bowery Buck

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