

Funding the Youth Program

Many expenses are associated with the society's youth program, which operates solely on generous contributions and is not a part of the festival budget. Donations to the WCRS Youth Program make it possible to bring outstanding youth performers to the festival. The WCRS is a 501(c)(3) group and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Dancing Update

After an exhaustive review of the dancer surveys and discussion with many of our dancers and dance instructors at last year's festival, West Coast festival organizers are moving the main dance venue from J.B.'s Lounge to the Sierra Room for the 2009 West Coast Ragtime Festival.

Red Lion will provide the dance floor in the Sierra Room, so dancers will have their preferred dance floor back with a more comfortable feel. The plan is for the dance floor to take up most of the room. The staging will move to one end of the room, allowing plenty of room for groups and piano soloists to play for the dancers. Chairs will be placed around most of the room's perimeter to provide seating for dancers and festival attendees who want to watch the dancing.

For those dancers who would like to dance in J.B.'s Lounge, space will also be provided there, but the main dance venue will be the Sierra Room.

The Grand March is planned for Saturday evening, and will start in the Sierra Room. The Fresno High School Marching Band will again lead the Grand March. Dancers will parade from the Sierra Room, through the hallways to Martinique, and back to the Sierra Room to conclude the March.

We welcome our dancers back to the festival this year!

Venue Changes for 2009

In another change from last year, festival organizers are reconfiguring the new Yosemite Room for use as an intimate listening venue. Last year, Red Lion relocated the Coffee Garden Cafe, leaving a new Yosemite Room whose smaller size presented some challenges to effective utilization. For 2009, the plan is to move the staging to the opposite wall away from the windows and make the stage much smaller. The room will be scheduled primarily for piano soloists.

Special Shows Planned for the 2009 Festival!

West Coast festival organizers are busy preparing an exciting program for the 2009 West Coast Ragtime Festival! Last year's "Ragtime – 1908!" show was so popular, that ragtime from 100 years ago will be featured again in this year's festival in "Ragtime – 1909!"

With stride specialists John Gill of Perth, Australia and Neville Dickie of London, England featured at this year's festival, you can expect a "Stride Summit" show to happen!

Also, expect to hear the talented Stephanie Trick of St. Louis, Missouri join in on this show, too, as she is a dynamo stride pianist herself! Frederick Hodges will be featured in several special shows this year. With the help of vocalists Ann Gibson, Helen Burns, and Sean Sharpe, he will present a "Ziegfield Follies" show. He will also accompany singer Sean Sharpe in a special show about song slides. If that isn't enough, Frederick will accompany silent movies again at this year's festival!



Virginia Tichenor and
Stephanie Trick

New this year will be a special show about Scott Joplin. Sam Williams, co-chair of the theater and film department at American River College in Sacramento, along with pianist Tom Brier, will reenact the life and times of the "King of Ragtime" in a show featuring music, dance, mime, song and a lot of fun! Sam will present this show in J.B.'s Lounge twice during festival.

More details about the special shows and events at the festival will be released in the fall newsletter of the West Coast Ragtime Society. Check the society's website at www.WestCoastRagtime.com for festival updates, as they are posted there first.

Scheduled Festival Performers

(subject to change)

Stage Name**Hometown****Home State**Groups

Fresno High School Band	Fresno	California
Pacific Coast Ragtime Orch	Pacifica	California
Porcupines	Sacramento	California
Raspberry Jam Band	Auburn	California
Sullivans / Drivons	Sacramento	California

Solo Performers

Meredith Axelrod	San Francisco	California
Andrew Barrett	Costa Mesa	California
Tom Bopp	Fish Camp	California
Nan Bostick	Menlo Park	California
Chris & Jack Bradshaw	Gilroy	California
Tom Brier	Sacramento	California
Neville Dickie	London	England
Richard Dowling	New York	New York
Marty Eggers	Oakland	California
Ann Gibson	Oakland	California
John Gill	Perth	Australia
Rosemary Hallum	Alameda	California
Frederick Hodges	Berkeley	California
Morten Gunnar Larsen	Oslo	Norway
Carl Sonny Leyland	New Cuyama	California
Larisa Migachyov	Palo Alto	California
Terry Parrish	Indianapolis	Indiana
Nancy Piver	Los Altos	California
Jack Rummel	Niwot	Colorado
Sean Sharp	San Francisco	California
Ray Skjelbred	Seattle	Washington
Hal Smith	San Diego	California
Squeek Steele	Virginia City	Nevada
Stanley Stern	Los Altos	California
Trebor Tichenor	St. Louis	Missouri
Virginia Tichenor	Oakland	California
Stephanie Trick	St. Louis	Missouri
Craig Ventresco	San Francisco	California

Seminars

Richard Dowling
Morten Larsen
Ray Skjelbred
Trebor Tichenor
Galen Wilkes
Max Keenlyside



Frederick Hodges

Dance Instructors

Bruce Mitchell	Cool	California
Richard Duree	Costa Mesa	California

Youth Performers

Adam Swanson	Shenandoah	Iowa
Max Keenlyside	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Canada
Vincent Johnson	Sierra Madre	California
Will Perkins	Riverbank	California
Sergey Smirnov	Palo Alto	California



The Raspberry Jam Band is all smiles! Back: Kitty Wilson, Tom Brier, Mary Preston. Front: Mark Meeker, Julia Riley, George Preston.

West Coast Ragtime Festival Information

FESTIVAL DATES: Friday, Saturday & Sunday
November 20, 21, and 22, 2009

LOCATION:

Red Lion Hotel Sacramento
1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815
Phone: 916-922-8041 FAX 916-922-9391

FESTIVAL HOURS: Friday: 12 Noon to 11 PM; Saturday 9 AM to 11 PM; Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM. After-hours sessions begin at the close of the regular schedule on Friday and Saturday nights.

BADGES: All Events: \$85.00 (purchased by Nov. 1). All Events: \$90.00 (purchased at the door or after Nov. 1), Friday only: \$35.00, Saturday only: \$45.00, Sunday only: \$25.00. Sat/Sun. combination \$60. Children 16 years and under are admitted free when accompanied by a person having a paid admission badge. Adults bringing a child get in for half price (day badges only); one discount per child. Half day rates (after 5 p.m.) will be available at the door. Only one discount will be applied.

BADGE SALES: 1-866-RAG-WCRS (724-9277) (Bob Gonzalez) Advance purchases by credit card: Contact Bob Gonzalez at the number above or (415) 924-6834, or email at: bobsrags@comcast.net.

Advance purchases by check or money order: use order forms on back page or website. Mail check and form to the address shown on the form.

TRAVEL AGENT:

Miyamoto Travel Service is the official travel agency. Contact them at (916) 441-1020 Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 12 noon and 1-5 PM (PDT). Ask for Raymonde, or email raymonde@miyamototravel.com

The Sacramento airport is about 20 minutes from the festival site.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Red Lion Hotel Sacramento

1401 Arden Way
\$99 for 1-2 persons, \$109 for 3-4 persons
1-800-733-5466 (RED-LION)

Cutoff date for Ragtime Festival rate: Nov. 1

Doubletree Hotel Sacramento

2001 Point West Way
Sacramento, CA 95815
Reservations phone number: **1-800-222-8733 (TREE)**
Group room rates: **\$99.00** for 1, 2, 3, or 4 persons (if reserved before **October 21, 2009** and if requested to be part of the "West Coast Ragtime Festival" block)
Cutoff date for Ragtime Festival rate October 21.

SHUTTLE BUS service will run continuously during the festival between the Doubletree and the Red Lion.

WCRF Flyers: Linda Kuk, Coordinator
Please contact Linda at (916) 922-0260 or at lkuk@sbcglobal.net to obtain flyers.

Disability Issues: Linda Kuk, Coordinator

FOOD SERVICE:

Garden Coffee Café 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Bar Service from 3:00 PM to 2:00 AM
A buffet will be located next to the restaurant. Open for breakfast 7-10, lunch 11-3, and dinner 5-9.
A "Ragtime Café" will be located near the festival venues and will feature ready made hot and cold items for cash sale.
There is a variety of restaurants nearby, including several in the shopping mall adjacent to the hotel.

RV PARKING:

On Site: Day Parking only. East end of hotel parking lot. Register with Hotel. Fee \$25 for festival.

RV Park (full hookups only)

Cal Expo RV Park
Five minute drive to festival site.
Full Hookup. 30 amp. = \$20 50 amp. = \$22 per night
From hotel, go east on Arden Way to Ethan Way. (domed cinemas) Turn right onto end of Ethan Way. Entrance on right.
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95852
P.O. Box 15649
(916) 263-3187
Alternatives
Elks members – Elks Lodge (20 minute drive)
TTN / NACO members – Lake Minden (30 minute drive)

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BADGE ORDER FORM

West Coast Ragtime Festival -- 11/20-22/09

Name(s) _____

Item	Qty.	Price	Total
All-Event Badge	_____	* _____	_____
*(\$90.00 \$85.00 if postmarked by 11/1/2009)			
Friday Only	_____	\$35.00	_____
Saturday Only	_____	\$45.00	_____
Sunday Only	_____	\$25.00	_____
Sat/Sun Pkg	_____	\$60.00	_____

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State/Province _____ ZIP _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail Address _____

WCRS Membership -- 2009

Individual	_____	\$15.00	_____
Couple	_____	\$25.00	_____

Make checks payable to WCRS and mail to

West Coast Ragtime Society
P.O. Box 13346
Sacramento CA 95813-3346

Tax-Deductible Contribution - Festival	\$ _____
Tax-Deductible Contribution - Youth Pgms	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

A receipt will be mailed promptly. Pick up tickets/badges at the event. Requests for refunds for badge cancellations must be received in writing no later than Nov. 1, and a \$10 handling charge will apply. Refunds requested after 11/1/09 will be issued as vouchers for the following year's West Coast Ragtime Festival.