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The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra
2022-2023 Proudly Presenting Series
Performance: Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 7:30pm

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The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is the world's only year-round, professional ensemble re-creating "America's Original Music"- the syncopated sounds of early musical theater, silent cinema, and vintage dance. The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra came into being as the result of Rick Benjamin's 1985 discovery of thousands of turn-of-the-century orchestra scores once belonging to Victrola recording star Arthur Pryor. In 1988 the orchestra made its formal debut at Alice Tully Hall-the first concert ever presented at Lincoln Center by such an ensemble. Since then PRO has appeared at hundreds of leading arts venues, including the Ravinia Festival, the Smithsonian Institution, Chautauqua, the Brucknerhaus (Austria), the New York 92nd Street Y, and the America Dance Festival.

In addition to its worldwide concert hall, university, and festival appearances, the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra has acquired a considerable following both here and abroad through its radio programs programs on the New York Times' WQXR, National Public Radio, the British Broadcasting Corporation, and the Voice of America networks. Since 1989 the Walt Disney Company has relied on the Orchestra's recordings for the outdoor theme music heard at Main Street, U.S.A. at Disneyland, Disney World, and Disneyland Paris; the PRO strengthened its international following during its extended engagement as a U.S. Ambassador of Goodwill at the 1992 World's Universal Exposition in Seville, Spain.

Good seats are available for the performance at 7:30pm; \$38 for adults, \$30 for students, with group rates available. Call the Civic Hall Box Office for tickets: 765-973-3350, or visit www.civichall.com. Box Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30am - noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are happily accepted. There is a \$1.00 fee for mailing ticket orders and a \$5.00 fee for credit card processing.

All events, dates and times are subject to change.

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