



Scott Joplin (1867?-1917)

The African-American composer Scott Joplin is known as the “King of Ragtime.” Ragtime was one of the first truly American styles of music, and Joplin wrote great piano rags such as “The Entertainer” and “Maple Leaf Rag.”

Born in Texas, he made a living as a young man by playing in social clubs, including the Maple Leaf Club in Sedalia, Missouri.