

# West End and Broadway stars **EARL CARPENTER** and **ANITA LOUISE COMBE** head the cast for a major new actor-musician production of the multi Tony award-winning musical **RAGTIME**



**Earl Carpenter**, who starred in the West End and on Broadway as The Phantom in *The Phantom of the Opera* and Inspector Javert in *Les Miserables*, and West End star **Anita Louise Combe**, Tessie Tura in *Gypsy* at the Savoy Theatre and both Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly in *Chicago*, are to head the cast of a major new actor-musician production of **Ragtime**.

**Ragtime** led the 1998 Tony Awards with 12 nominations, winning 4 including Best Book by Terrence McNally and Best Original Score by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

This new production follows critically acclaimed *Titanic* as the second in-house production at Charing Cross Theatre, directed by Artistic Director Thom Southerland and produced by Danielle Tarento, Steven M. Levy, Sean Sweeney and Vaughan Williams.

**Ragtime** will run for a 9-week season from Saturday 8 October - Saturday 10 December.

It is the turn of the 20th Century in New York. An era is exploding. A century is spinning. And the people are moving in rhythm and rhyme to the music of Ragtime. Based on the novel by E.L Doctorow, **Ragtime** weaves together the story of three groups in America, represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr, a Harlem musician; Mother and her white, middle class family in New Rochelle; and Tateh, a Jewish immigrant who has come to America with his daughter seeking a new life. Their fictional lives become dramatically intertwined with one another as well as with historical figures including Harry Houdini, Booker T. Washington, JP Morgan and Henry Ford.

The full cast are: **Simon Anthony** (*Wonder.land*, NT); **Bernadette Bangura** (professional debut); Anthony Cable (*The Phantom of the Opera*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Anything Goes*, *Napoleon*, West End); **Earl Carpenter**; **Anita Louise Combe**; **Cavin Cornwall** (currently playing Caiaphas in *Jesus Christ Superstar* at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre); **Valerie Cutko** (Raffaella in *Grand Hotel*, Broadway and Southwark Playhouse, *Cabaret*, West End); **Matt Devereaux** (*Hitler*, *My Part in His Downfall*, Hampstead); **Christopher Dickins** (Monsieur André in *The Phantom of the Opera*, West End, *War Horse*, NT); **Tom Giles** (*Muse of Fire*, The Globe, Freddie Mercury in *Royal Vauxhall*, Edinburgh Fringe/Latitude); **Joanna Hickman** (*The Witches of Eastwick*, Watermill, Johanna in *Sweeney Todd* directed by John Doyle); **Lemuel Knights** (professional debut); **Rachel Knowles** (*Spamalot*, West End, *Betty Blue Eyes*, UK tour); **Ako Mitchell** (*Grey Gardens*, Southwark Playhouse); **Seyi Omooba** (professional debut); **Kate Robson-Stuart** (*Betty Blue Eyes*, UK tour); **Jennifer Saayeng** (*City of Angels*, Donmar); **Jonathan Stewart** (*Guys And Dolls*, Savoy Theatre & Phoenix Theatre, West End, *Grand Hotel*, Southwark Playhouse); **Gary Tushaw** (currently starring as Joseph Taylor Jr in *Allegro* at Southwark Playhouse); and child actors Alana Hinge, Samuel Peterson, Ethan Quinn, Riya Vyas.

## Creative Team:

Director: Thom Southerland  
Orchestrator and Musical Supervisor: Mark Aspinall  
Choreographer: Ewan Jones  
Set Designers: Tom Rogers and Toots Butcher  
Lighting Designer: Howard Hudson  
Sound Designer: Andrew Johnson  
Costume Designer: Jonathan Lipman  
Musical Director: Jordan Li-Smith  
Casting Director: Danielle Tarento  
Producers: Danielle Tarento, Steven M. Levy,  
Sean Sweeney, Vaughan Williams

## LISTINGS INFO

### Ragtime

Saturday 8 October - Saturday 10 December

**Press night Monday 17 October at 7.30pm**

### Charing Cross Theatre

The Arches  
Villiers Street  
London WC2N 6NL  
[www.charingcrosstheatre.co.uk](http://www.charingcrosstheatre.co.uk)  
Box office: 08444 930 650

#### Performances:

Monday to Saturday at 7.30pm  
Wednesday matinee at 2.30pm  
Saturday matinee at 3.00pm

#### Tickets:

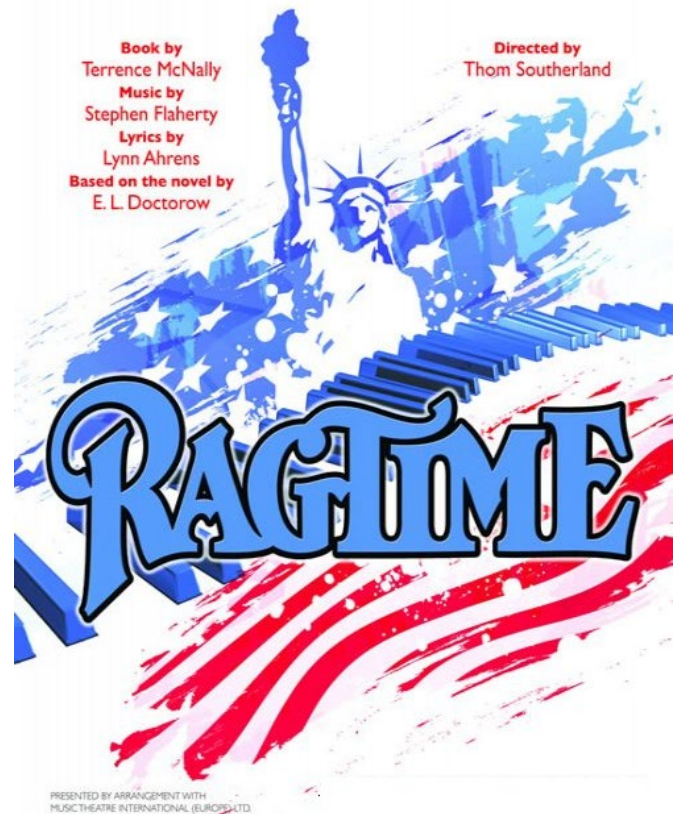
Premium £39.50 which includes best stalls locations,  
a programme and a glass of bubbly  
£32.50 stalls A  
£29.50 stalls B  
£22.50 balcony  
£17.50 slips

Please note there are no booking fees on tickets purchased via the theatre's website, phone room or in person

#### How to get here:

Nearest underground stations:  
Charing Cross (Bakerloo and Northern lines)  
Embankment (Bakerloo, Northern, Circle and District lines)

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