

TurpinTyme Ragsters

Artist Profile

Gary Richmond-Cornet

Gary Richmond is the cornetist and leader of the TurpinTyme Ragsters. He has also performed and toured with the orchestras of Tommy Dorsey and Ray Anthony. Gary leads and has organized many other groups including the Blue & Gray Brass Brigade, a civil war era music group and a 14 piece German band, Festhaus-Musikanten. He also co-leads the Trilogy Big Band, which has two CDs out on the Seabreeze label. His education background includes Kansas University and the Conservatory of Music, Kansas City. Gary maintains a full performance calendar playing shows, weddings, dances, etc.

Greg Briggs-Clarinet

Greg Briggs is a freelance woodwind performer in the Kansas City area and has performed with many national artists and performs regularly at venues like Starlight Theater and numerous other ensembles. He is also a clinician/private instructor in local schools and colleges. His educational background includes a B.M. in woodwind performance and a B.M.E.

Mark Cohick-Tenor Sax

Mark Cohick is a freelance woodwind performer in the Kansas City area and has performed with many national artists including international tours of "West Side Story" and "A Chorus Line". He is also a clinician/private instructor in local schools and colleges. His educational background includes a B.M. in woodwind performance and a B.M.E.

Dan Strom-Trombone

Dan Strom is the trombonist for the TurpinTyme Ragsters but also performs with the "New Red Onion Jazz Babies" in the Kansas City area. He has performed with many national artists at local venues. He is also a clinician/private instructor in local schools and colleges. His educational background includes a B.M.

Nora Hulse-Piano

Nora, a top rated solo pianist, performs and lectures at ragtime festivals around the USA while seeking out unrevealed ragtime gems by women composers. She also plays ragtime regularly on a unique local "live" TV show, Pepper and Friends, on KOMU-TV in Columbia, MO. Her academic background includes a Ph.D. in music education, Master's in Piano Performance, Master's in Organ Performance, and Bachelor of Science in Music Education.

Steve Hoog-Tuba

Steve Hoog has played almost every kind of music possible, from orchestral to jazz to rock, polka, blues, klezmer, and bluegrass. He is an aficionado of early jazz and ragtime history. Steve has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education, from the U.M.K.C. Conservatory of Music, and a Master's in Tuba Performance from the University of Akron (OH).

Mike Thompson-Drums

Mike Thompson is the drummer for the TurpinTyme Ragsters but also has a full schedule performing with many local Kansas City groups and is the regular touring drummer for Jim "Gomer" Nabors. Mike recently returned to the Kansas City area after several successful years performing in the Los Angeles area. He has the ability to play styles from big band to jazz to Polkas. He is also a clinician/private instructor in local schools and colleges.