

# AUDITIONS – Ragtime, The Musical

## April 19 & 20, 2010 at 7:30PM

(Eustis, FL)... Bay Street Players will hold auditions for the Tony Award-winning Ragtime, The Musical on April 19th & 20th at 7:30PM at 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis. Artistic Director David Clevinger is looking for an ethnically diverse cast, including a large ensemble ranging in age from 7-80. Newcomers are welcome. Those auditioning are requested, but not required, to prepare a musical selection, preferably in the style of the production, and to bring sheet music in their key. An accompanist will be provided. In addition, some may be asked to read selections from the script. Anyone not interested in performing onstage is invited to join our team of volunteers and to learn of backstage opportunities needed for this production.

Ragtime is a musical with a book by Terrence McNally, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and music by Stephen Flaherty. Based on the 1975 novel by E. L. Doctorow, Ragtime tells the story of three groups in America, represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr., a Harlem musician; Mother, the matriarch of a WASP family in New Rochelle, NY; and Tateh, a Latvian Jewish immigrant. Historical figures such as Harry Houdini, Evelyn Nesbit, Booker T. Washington, J. P. Morgan, Henry Ford, Stanford White, Harry Kendall Thaw, Admiral Peary, Matthew Henson, and Emma Goldman also appear. The music includes marches, cakewalks, gospel and ragtime.

Ragtime is generously sponsored in part by Bowen Radson & Schroth, United Arts of Central Florida, and the City of Eustis. Please contact the theatre at (352) 357-7777 or visit the web site at [www.baystreetplayers.org](http://www.baystreetplayers.org) for directions or for further information.

Bay Street Players is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit community theatre celebrating 35 seasons of live theatre in the historic 1922 State Theatre in downtown Eustis.