

Mp3 The Ragwagon Band - Jazz: Ragtime



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Damning the torpedoes, Ragwagon forges ever forward in its quest for Blue Ragtime Folk 'n Roll Nirvana, with Hargus Piano, Piedmont 12-String, Torchy Jug Jazz, Skiffle Swing Blues Truly-Fine Songwriting. 14 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Ragtime, ROCK: Acoustic Details: THE RAGWAGON BAND: Amy Hanish Anderson; Ed Rashed; Gil 'Honeybone' Hager; Dave Anderson; Steve Chaggaris; Lonesome Red Riley Very Special Guests: Ms. Diane Orson; Mr. Bob Colonna *****

===== KEEPING THE FLAME ===== (A Letter From Red) ===== Hiya, Well, OK then. It's probably all my fault. Blame me. Y'see, when I heard, coupla years back, rumors of an upcoming picnic weekend being hosted by our favorite little theater troupe, I might well have kept still. A simple "Why yes, I'd love to attend" would have been more than sufficient. No need to go phoning, e-mailing, postcarding, and generally making a nuisance of oneself. Why get folks all excited, trying to do something "clearly quite impossible?" Better, one should think, to maintain the quiet dignity and comportment befitting a man nearly, (cough, gasp!) ... forty years of age, no? Well now, that's the main point, right there. This whole "prime-of-ones'-life" thing, don'cha know? Good, legitimate, grown-up job, satisfactory salary plus benefits, nice enough living quarters in the Capital of the Entire Civilized World. Lots to do, places to go, people to meet, etc. BUSY! Still.... something was missing... Big Time. I missed the music, and I'd missed it for far too long. The communal camaraderie of musicians and fans from back in the days before impersonal PCs and innumerable CDs, unfathomable amounts of data comin' atcha, and instant digital-anything-you-can-imagine. I missed the acoustic guitars and the vintage blues. I missed Amy's sweet, smoky singing, with Eddie playing his exquisite piano, Diane's incendiary Jazz violin, and Gilby blowing bass rhythm on that old moonshine jug he picked up God-Knows-Where. Did anyone still remember the Y-Not, The Mouthpiece, Folk City, The Family Owl, or The Sword in The

Stone? I did, and I lamented their long-time passing. I missed Sadie Green and Basin Street, The Blind Lemon and Club 47, The Gaslight, The Stone Church, Big Mother, The Yellow Door, and Salt. I missed Ragwagon. Go tell it on the mountain. So blame me, if you will. It turned out that I was not alone in my fond remembrances and, while we did have to move a mountain across an ocean to do it, we presented The Ragwagon Reunion Concert at that picnic, had a terrific time, and then were not smart enough to let it go at that. We really ought to be old enough to know better. Thankfully, we are not. We hope you enjoy our music. Write if ya get the chance. From The Ragwagon, Lonesome Red Riley red@ragwagon.com
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