

Scott Joplin:
The King of Ragtime
1868-1917



Scott Joplin was a piano player and bandleader, but he is most famous as a composer.

His famous piano "rags", like "Maple Leaf Rag" and "The Entertainer" began a craze for ragtime music, which was important to the early development of jazz.

Even though his music does not sound "classical", he wanted people to consider him a serious composer. His opera *Treemonisha* is considered his most substantial work.