The Joplin Celebrations Commission
Celebrate Joplin!!

Highlights of the January 17, 2023, update to city council

• 150th Birthday Celebration **	Th/ March 23
• Sesquicentennial Quilt Presentation	TH/ March 23
• Singspiration (Honoring Rev. Harris G. Joplin)	Th/ March 23
• Gabby Street Lecture	Tu/ March 21
• Barbershop Vocal Clinic **	Fr/ April 14
• Percy Wenrich Ragtime Tribute **	Sa/ April 15
• Mining Camp H.S. Baseball (w/VBBA)	Sa/ April 15
• *Joplin Goes to the Movies* (x8)	Th/ April-July
• Iris Garden Tours	Sa/ May 13
• Festival Concert Weekend (TBD)	June 1-3
• State History Preservation Conf	June 7-9
• *The Great Race*	We/ June 28
• Lectures/Classes on History Preservation	May-June
• Cox Homestead Tours	TBD
• Jasper County Cemetery Passport	TBD
• Heritage Trail (5 in 2023)	In progress
• Landmark LEGO Building **	In progress

More info on Facebook and website @ *Celebrate Joplin*

In planning for Joplin's Sesquicentennial in 2023, the Joplin Celebrations Commission will be marking Joplin's milestone through the history of several notable people who, at some time in their lives, called Joplin home.

Music is one of the categories in that notable Joplin natives made their mark and put Joplin on the map.

PERCY WENRICH
"THE JOPLIN KID"
tribute to
RAGTIME
A JOPLIN SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT

On April 14-15, 2023, Ragtime music will be celebrated in the Taylor Performing Arts Center on the Missouri Southern State University campus. The music of Joplin native son Percy Wenrich and other Missouri contributors will be featured.

CELEBRATE 1873 2023 JOPLIN SESQUICENTENNIAL

Percy Wenrich was born in Joplin on January 23, 1880. His mother taught him the piano and organ as a young boy, and at 21, he enrolled in the Chicago Music College. He published his first songs while still attending college. As his career was starting, Percy wrote in various styles, but his rags proved to be the most successful.

After graduation, Wenrich worked in a Milwaukee music store before moving to New York. In 1906 he married Dolly Connolly, and for over 15 years, the couple performed on the vaudeville stage, while Wenrich continued writing songs and collaborating with composers and lyricists throughout the country.

Wenrich is ranked among America's most renowned composers. He was a charter member of ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) and was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970. Wenrich is buried at Joplin's Fairview Cemetery.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

Following an all-day *Acapellooza - The Art of Acapella Singing in the Barbershop Style* youth vocal clinic, involving 200 area high school students, there will be a free evening concert with performances by two International Champion quartets, *Quorum* and *Duly Noted*. The song selection will include music from two genuinely American forms of music -Ragtime and Barbershop.

Featuring new and unique arrangements from Wenrich's song catalog, the concert will also showcase many barbershop quartets from Joplin and the surrounding area in a mass chorus of barbershop-style singers, both men, and women, plus the songs the students studied during the clinic, all under the direction of Jeff Veteto of Springfield's Show-Me Statesmen Chorus.

The event will be held in the newly renovated Taylor Performing Arts Center on the Missouri Southern State University campus.

Showtime will be 7:00 p.m.

All seating will be General Admission and free to the public.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

Percy Wenrich, "The Joplin Kid" tribute to Ragtime.

The evening event will be in Two Acts.

Act One: A tribute to the music of Percy Wenrich will highlight some of his most famous songs. Selected songs for the evening include "Moonlight Bay," "When You Wore a Tulip," "Red Rose Rag," "Where Do We Go From Here," "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet," "Rainbow," "L'Inconnu," and many more well-known compositions.

The music of fellow Missouri Ragtimers Scott Joplin, James Scott, ** Eddie Kuhn, and "Ragtime Bob" Darch will also be honored.

Steve Spracklen and Robin Braun will respectively portray Percy and his wife, Dolly Connolly, in song and vaudevillian stick in the fashion the famous couple was known for in the early 1900s.

Act Two: Many Percy Wenrich songs were composed in Four Part Harmony. His music was a perfect fit for Barbershop Quartets. Two world-class quartets, *Quorum* and *Duly Noted* will perform a selection of songs, concluding with a "Celebration Chorus" comprised of local and regional barbershoppers, plus an additional large community chorus ... audience participation patriotic finale.

THIS SPECIAL PERCY WENRICH AND RAGTIME TRIBUTE IS A JOPLIN SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT.

The event will be held in the newly renovated Taylor Performing Arts Center on the Missouri Southern State University campus.

Showtime will be 7:00 p.m.

Limited Reserve seating is available for $15, and General Admission seating is free.

** Thank you to Joplin's Stanley Family for sponsoring this event. The family is a descendant of Eddie Kuhn, another significant Missouri songwriter/musician of the Ragtime era.

Performers:

STEVE SPRACKLEN

Nationally known veteran piano player Steve Spracklen will be the featured performer for the April 15th Percy Wenrich concert. Spracklen was nicknamed "Joplin Kid II," a bestowed honor by the ragtime community, as Percy Wenrich was known as "The Joplin Kid." Steve took the role of Percy Wenrich at the Joplin 95th birthday celebration in 1968 and was featured at the 1973 Joplin Centennial program honoring Joplin's native son Percy Wenrich.

For decades Spracklen toured the United States and Canada playing at music festivals, colleges, hotels, restaurants, and saloons, including the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs and the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. Spracklen was selected in 1979 by the Delta Queen Steamboat Company to play on the new steamboat, the "Mississippi Queen." Forty years later, Spracklen continues entertaining audiences on the storied steamboat navigating the Big Muddy.

Robin Braun

Accompanying Steve is Robin Braun. Robin is originally from Beardstown, Illinois and currently lives in Monett. She earned her Bachelor's in Vocal Performance at Graceland College and her master's degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign.

Robin has been active as a vocal artist with Ozark Festival Orchestra. She currently gives vocal instruction and is the lead singer in her four-piece band "Robin's Hood," which has played throughout southwest Missouri since its inception six years ago. Robin will take the role of Percy's wife, Dolly Connolly, who introduced and popularized many of Wenrich's songs on the stage and in recordings.

Featured Musicians

Also featured in the concert are the Heartland Concert Band, banjoist Clarke Buehling, and ragtime pianists Bill Rowland and Susan Cordell.

Quorum

Quorum is a quartet with members with varying levels of experience singing barbershop harmony. Spanning three different states, people would consider them a "long-distance" quartet, yet the four members have been connected in different ways for many years.

Quorum is the 2015 Johnny Appleseed District Quartet Champion. As of July 2022, the group became the reigning International Barbershop Quartet Champions of the Barbershop Harmony Society, finishing 1st at the contest in Charlotte, NC.

As a quartet, they are excited to share our love for the beautiful craft of Barbershop Harmony and hope to bring the joy of harmony to all corners of the globe.

The group consists of **Gary Lewis**, Bass; Chris **Vaughn**, Lead; Jacob **"Puck" Ross**, Tenor; and **Nathan Johnston**, Baritone.

Duly Noted

Together for a year and new to harmony competitions, Duly Noted participated in the Sweet Adelines International Rising Star competition in Manchester, England, and was elated to be named the 2019 Rising Star Champions. Having scored high enough at Regionals that same year, they qualified as a Wildcard Quartet at the 2019 SAI International in New Orleans, claiming the Novice Quartet award at their first International Competition.

Duly Noted returned to the 2022 Region 9 Regional Contest and placed 1st, qualifying for the 2022 International Competition in Phoenix, Arizona. The group was ecstatic to make the Top 10 at the 2022 International Contest and is now the 7th-ranked quartet in Sweet Adelines International.

Duly Noted has had the privilege of teaching at several Youth Harmony Camps and Workshops and loves every opportunity to share their music and give back to the youth and barbershop communities.

All four girls are passionate about barbershop and claim it is in their blood! **Madison Riviere** (Slamka), lead, and **Emily Ellsworth** (Hitt), bass, are homegrown barbershoppers, as children of barbershop International Champions. **Raegan Stauffer**, a tenor, and **KaleyAnna Raabe**, a baritone, were introduced to barbershop singing in High School under the direction of their Chorus Director, International Queen, Debbie Cleveland.

Gabby Street

"A Street Becomes a Boulevard: A Life in Baseball and Joplin"

The life of Gabby Street, Presented by Dr. Galen Irwin. Refreshments at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Joplin History & Mineral Museum, 504 S Schifferdecker Ave, Joplin, MO 64801.

In connection with the Joplin Sesquicentennial Lecture Series.

Free admission! Hot dogs, Peanuts, Popcorn, and *Crackerjacks*! Refreshments sponsored by the Joplin Historical Society and SMB.

Guests can view Dr. Irwin's Gabby Street baseball memorabilia collection that will be on display at the Joplin Museum.

Charles Evard Street acquired the name "Gabby" in his early years and was known by that nickname for the rest of his life.

In 1908 Street became immortal for being the first to catch a ball thrown from the Washington Monument.

Gabby Street came to Joplin to become player-manager of the Joplin Miners in 1922, leading them to a league and intersectional championship that year. In 1923 he married a Joplin girl, Lucinda Chandler, and they made their home in Joplin for the rest of their lives.

Street was a Joplin celebrity. The *Joplin Globe* and *Joplin News Herald* regularly reported on his activities; Joplin honored him with Gabby Street Day, including a parade with 27 units and the dedication of Gabby Street Boulevard.

Dr. Galen Irwin's father, Arnold Irwin, was an instructor in political science at Joplin Junior College. Galen attended J.J.C. but completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas. After that, he obtained a Ph.D. in political science at Florida State University.

In 1980 Dr. Irwin regained his love for baseball cards and began collecting cards of Gabby Street, and various memorabilia related to Gabby. His latest project is to obtain cards of all players who played or managed in both Joplin and the major leagues and players born in Joplin or in Southwest Missouri.

Baseball!

The Joplin Celebrations Commission is happy to announce, as part of Joplin's Sesquicentennial Celebration, an exciting day of baseball at historic Joe Becker Stadium on Saturday, April 15th.

One featured event will be a VBBA exhibition game – *Vintage Base Ball Association*. These lovers of the game are to baseball what Civil War reenactors are to preserving Civil War era history. The game will put the *Westerns Base Ball Club of Topeka* against the *St. Louis Brown Stockings* in a rare meeting of the two clubs.

Before and after the vintage game, high school varsity teams will take the field in regularly scheduled matches. The varsity players from Columbus will take on Galena, and Pittsburg will play Joplin.

Each high school team will take on a Mining Camp persona to bring the history and competitive nature of the *Tristate Mining District* alive as a Sesquicentennial event. With this, we want the team uniforms to be an older style jersey (T-shirt) and ball cap, with dated fonts and numbers.

This will be a great day of baseball in Joplin and a positive 150th experience.

The schedule may vary slightly, but we are working with the following:

10:30 – 12:30 = Galena vs. Columbus

1:00 – 2:30 = Westerns Base Ball Club of Topeka vs. St. Louis Brown Stockings

3:15 – 5:15 = Joplin vs. Pittsburg

JOPLIN GOES TO THE MOVIES

A JOPLIN SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT

JOPLIN GOES TO THE MOVIES is a Joplin Sesquicentennial Event comprised of eight event dates between April and July 2023, showcasing eight different movies featuring events or actors with a connection to Joplin.

April 13, 2023, in Landreth Park, Joplin

Outdoor Event 8:00 p.m. - Showtime 8:30 - Lawn chair & blanket seating

BONNIE AND CLYDE 1967

Academy Award winners Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway star in this groundbreaking film as a glamorous couple of Depression-era bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde. When Bonnie Parker (Dunaway) catches Clyde Barrow (Beatty) stealing her mother's car it is love at first sight ... and the two begin a nationwide crime spree. As young gangsters in love, who attack the wealthy establishment and live by their own rules, Bonnie and Clyde capture the attention of an entire country--for the short time they manage to elude law enforcement. Academy Awards: Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Estelle Parsons) Best Cinematography Academy Award nominations: Best Picture Best Director Best Actor in a Leading Role (Warren Beatty) Best Actress in a Leading Role (Faye Dunaway) Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Michael J. Pollard) Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Gene Hackman) Best Writing, Story and Screenplay--Written Directly for the Screen Best Costume Design.

NR 1:51 Romance, Biography, Crime, Action/Adventure, Thriller, Drama, Suspense

Showcasing April 13, 1933, Joplin shootout -- on the 90th anniversary of the tragic events where two Joplin lawmen lost their lives

Film introduction by: Brad Belk

2 April 20, 2023, at Bookhouse Cinema

Showtimes: 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SABOTEUR 1942

Robert Cummings, a Los Angeles aircraft factory worker, witnesses his plant's firebombing by a Nazi agent. During the explosion, his best friend is killed, and Cummings is wrongly accused of sabotage. To clear his name, he takes off on a relentless cross-country chase that finally leads to a harrowing confrontation on top of the Statue of Liberty.

NR 1:49 Action/Adventure

Featuring Joplin native Bob Cummings

Film introduction by: Dr. Chad Stebbins

3 May 11, 2023, at the Harry M. Cornell Arts & Entertainment Complex

Showtimes: 7:00 p.m.

CAPTAIN SALVATION 1927

In this drama of doubt, sin, and redemption, Pauline Stark is *a woman forced to choose between his love of God and his love of the sea struggles with his faith only to learn grace from a fallen woman and combine his two passions as Captain Salvation. When seminary student Anson Campbell (Lars Hanson--The Scarlett Letter) stands up for Bess Morgan (Pauline Starke), a woman of low moral standing, rather than help restore her reputation, he too is scorned by the townspeople. Leaving the seminary and putting out to sea as a deckhand, Campbell realizes he is working aboard a prison ship bearing Morgan. But when the ship's captain tries to force himself on Morgan, she kills herself rather than allow the man's advances. With his faith strengthened by Morgan's unwavering sense of morality despite her reputation, Campbell devotes himself to the ministry as a seagoing chaplain.*

Silent Film, 1:54 Drama

Featuring Joplin native Pauline Stark

Film introduction by: Jill Halbach, with piano accompaniment by TBD

4 May 25, 2023, at Central Christian Center

Showtime: 6:00 p.m.

THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS 1954

Molly and Terry Donahue, plus their three children, are The Five Donahues. Son Tim meets hatcheck girl Vicky, and the family act begins to fall apart.

NR 1:75 Drama, Musical

Film introduction by: Gary Bandy with background story from Carol Parker

5 June 8, 2023, at Bookhouse Cinema

Showtimes: 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

DUEL 1971

In Steven Spielberg's first full-length movie, Duel, a traveling salesman (Dennis Weaver) is harassed by a menacing 40-ton truck on a remote desert highway. Brilliant in its simplicity, the cult favorite takes road rage to a dangerous level as the traveler, and the mysterious truck driver is pitted against one another in a motorized duel to the death. Gripping with psychological tension, this desperate battle for survival is hailed by critics as a film that "belongs on the classics shelf reserved for top suspensers" (Daily Variety).

PG 1:30 Suspense, Thriller

Featuring Joplin native Dennis Weaver

Film introduction by: Dr. Chad Stebbins

6 June 22, 2023, at Bookhouse Cinema

Showtimes: 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

ON MOONLIGHT BAY 1951

A happy screenful of sun-kissed melody and kiss-by-moonlight romance! After moving to Indiana, young Marjorie Winfield begins a relationship with William Sherman, who lives across the street. Marjorie is a tom-boy, and her father has traditional views not shared by William. Marjorie is forced to learn to dance, despite her and Williams' shared love for baseball. Starring Doris Day and Gordon MacRae.

PG 1:35 Musical, Variety, Comedy

Featuring the music of Joplin native Percy Wenrich

Film introduction by: Brad Belk

7 July 13, 2023, at Joplin Public Library

Showtime: 6:00 p.m.

THE HITCH HIKER 1953

Two fishermen pick up a psychopathic escaped convict who tells them he intends to murder them when the ride is over.

PG 1:11 Crime, Noir, Thriller

The tragic story of the Mosser family at the villainous hands of Billie Cook

Film introduction by: Josh Shackles

8 July 27, 2023, at Bookhouse Cinema

Showtimes: 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

ALIMONY 1949

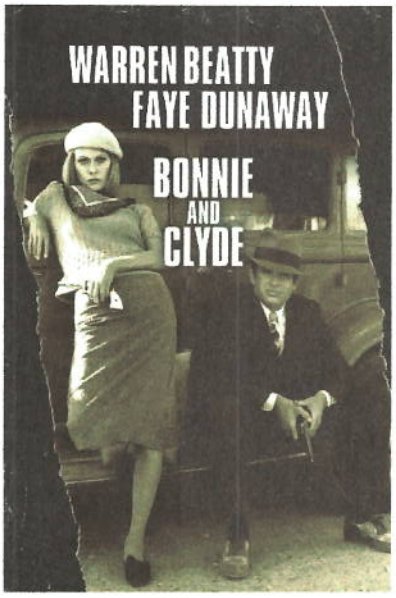
A promising young composer is tempted away from his devoted wife by a fortune-seeking woman who cares more for his prospects than for him.

NR 1:10 Crime, Drama

Featuring Joplin native John Beal

Film introduction by: Brad Belk

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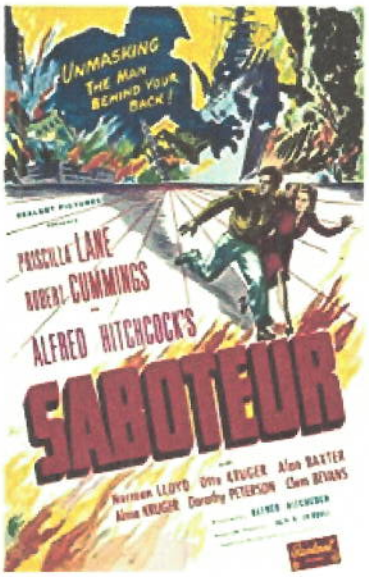
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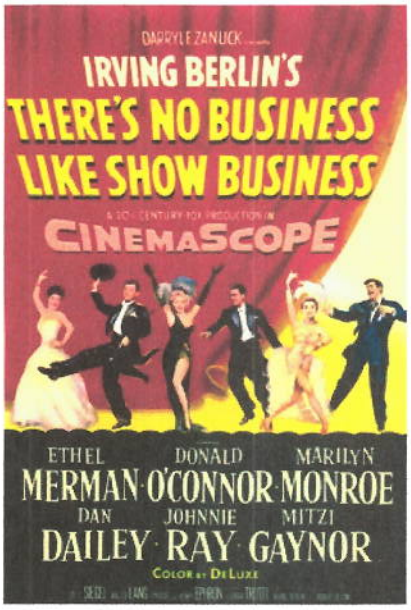
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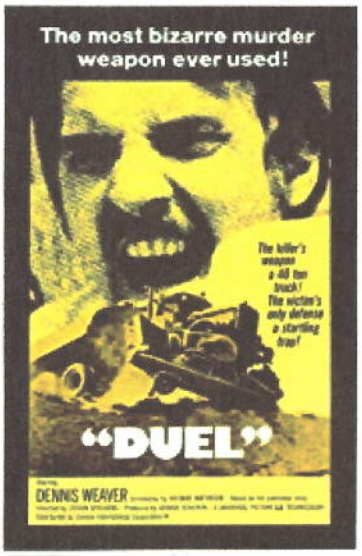
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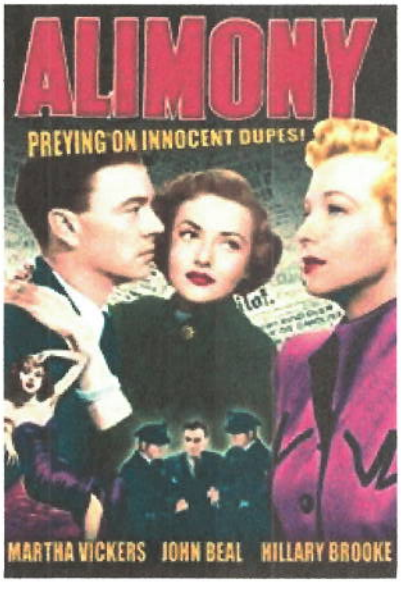
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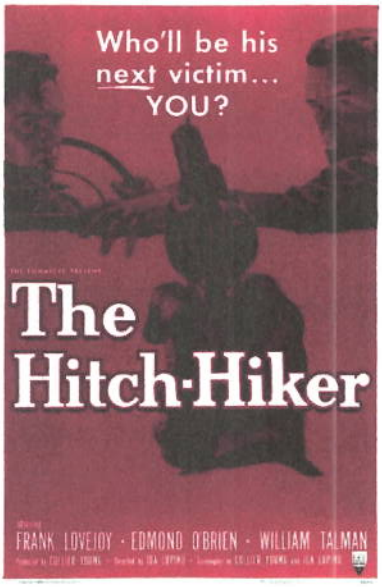
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