Flint Repertory Theatre ends season with landmark musical *Ragtime* led by Broadway cast

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*Flint, Mich.* – FIM Flint Repertory Theatre presents *Ragtime* June 9–25. Flint’s own Ben Cherry, star of Broadway stage (*Indecent*) and TV, will be in one of the leading roles – Tateh, along with Broadway’s David Aron Damane (*The Book of Mormon*) as Coalhouse Walker Jr. They’ll be joined by Robyne Parrish (Off Broadway’s *Shedding Load*) as Mother and Elexis Morton (Denver Center for the Performing Arts’ *The Color Purple*) as Sarah.

At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing and anything is possible. *Ragtime* will be an intimate, chamber-style telling of this 1998 Tony Award-winning musical for best book and best original score. Adapted from E.L. Doctorow’s novel of the same name, the musical brings the tension-filled streets of 20th century New York to life through the timeless stories of three Americans: a White female socialite, a determined Jewish immigrant artist, and a daring Black musician. Each story reveals the joys and perils of navigating social class, freedom, prejudice, hope and despair, helping patrons see the stories of today’s Americans in a new way.

“We’re so excited to produce a bold new take on this quintessential American musical,” says Flint Rep Producing Artistic Director Michael Lluberes. “The issues explored in *Ragtime* – from racial injustice to immigrant rights and women’s rights – couldn’t be more relevant to today. We’re thrilled to invite audiences to rediscover this epic musical in an intimate new way.”

The musical is directed by producing artistic director Michael Lluberes, with choreography by Cy Paolantonio and music direction by Cole P. Abod. The show features scenic design by Eli Sherlock, costume design by Matt Snellgrove, lighting design by Chelsie McPhilimy and sound design by Brenden Friedel. Stage managed by Ernie Fimbres. *Ragtime* will be at the FIM Elgood Theatre and is sponsored by Charles Stewart Harding Foundation. Tickets are currently available at [www.tickets.thefim.org](http://www.tickets.thefim.org), at the FIM Ticket Center box offices at FIM Whiting Auditorium and FIM Capitol Theatre, or by calling (810) 237-7333. Genesee County residents receive a 30 percent discount as a benefit of the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage. Your tax dollars are at work.

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