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Traditional Jazz in the Delaware Valley

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Tri-State Jazz Society Presents the Ragtime Piano Virtuosity of **Adam Swanson**

PHILADELPHIA – Tri-State Jazz Society presents the young ragtime piano sensation **Adam Swanson** on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Road, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Although he is only twenty-three years old, Adam has been a featured performer and lecturer at ragtime and jazz festivals across the United States, and he is the youngest three-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest. Half-price admission of \$10, payable at the door, is available for first-time attendees and members; general admission is \$20; full-time students with IDs and children are free. There are no advance sales or reservations. The church is about 15 minutes from central Philadelphia via the Ben Franklin Bridge and parking is free. PATCO is nearby. For information see www.tristatejazz.org or call [\(856\) 720-0232](tel:8567200232).

Adam Swanson - Piano

Adam Swanson is rapidly becoming known as one of the world's foremost performers and historians of ragtime and early American popular music. He recently received his B.A. in classical piano performance and is now beginning graduate studies as a musicology student at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. In 2007, he appeared alongside the late John Arpin at the Bohem Ragtime and Jazz Festival in the Republic of Hungary and has also toured Switzerland. Adam made his New York debut in Carnegie Hall at the age of nineteen, where he performed with multi-platinum-selling artist Michael Feinstein. Adam has played at the prestigious Cinecon Classic Film Festival at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood and privately for noted Disney/Hollywood composer Richard M. Sherman (*Mary Poppins*, etc.). In 2013, Adam made his first appearance at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C.

Haddonfield United Methodist Church

Tri-State Jazz Society's New Jersey concerts are held in the Haddonfield United Methodist Church near the center of town, just south of Kings Highway on Warwick Road. The concerts are in Fellowship Hall, a large performance space with good acoustics and an excellent grand piano. The church is wheelchair accessible, has a free parking lot and is only two blocks from the PATCO station. Complementary refreshments are provided at intermission.

Background

Adam enjoys working with other musicians and has recorded albums with pianist Frederick Hodges, former rock star Ian Whitcomb, and legendary 1950s recording artist Johnny Maddox, who is one of Adam's greatest influences. Adam's recordings have been used on the CBC TV show *Murdoch Mysteries*. He performs every summer in the Diamond Belle Saloon at the historic Strater Hotel in Durango, Colorado, where he is musical director for the new Durango Ragtime and Early Jazz Festival. Adam is also an avid rail-fan, and he collects antique sheet music, records, and piano rolls. His CDs are available at cdbaby.com.

Adam appears in the following YouTube videos:

Maple Leaf Rag - <https://youtu.be/XrjFCu3Xtfw>

Tiger Rag - <https://youtu.be/IPhN7VlyjT4>

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Tri-State Jazz Society, formed in 1988, is dedicated to the preservation and live performance of traditional jazz including Dixieland, swing, ragtime, and boogie-woogie. All concerts are open to the public and feature leading professional small jazz bands and soloists. Monthly concerts are presented in Haddonfield, NJ or Wallingford, PA except for December. The society is a non-profit educational corporation supported by its members.

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