

*For more information about the characters, please refer to the Visual Narrative.*

### The Harlem Community



**Coalhouse Walker, Jr.**



**Sarah**

Will be played by an understudy.

### The New Rochelle Community



**Mother**



**Father**



**Mother's Younger Brother**



**The Little Boy (Edgar)**

### The Immigrant Community



**Tateh  
(The Baron Ashkenazy)**



**The Little Girl**



In *Ragtime*, the Community characters are fictional but explore authentic problems of the period. The Historical Figures were real people who lived during the early 20th century.



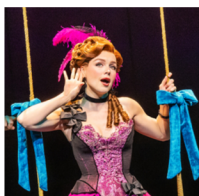
**Emma Goldman**



**Harry Houdini**



**Booker T. Washington**



**Evelyn Nesbit**



**Henry Ford**

*Characters may be played by other performers and would then look different from the actors featured in this guide.*

## **SYNOPSIS**

Based on a book by E. L. Doctorow, the musical *Ragtime* is set in early 20th-century America. The story weaves together the lives of three distinct groups: the white suburban community of New Rochelle, the Black community of Harlem, and Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. Individuals from these groups struggle to adjust to a changing America. When the characters meet, their lives are changed forever.

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