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## AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC MEDIA GUIDE

Listed below are sources for viewing and/or listening to the music. These are but a few of the resources available. Youtube.com provides many videos that give you an opportunity to hear the music and see performances of the works by a few early African American composers and musicians. Some of the videos may be of professional quality and others not so, but nonetheless valuable for providing exposure to these composers and musicians of African American heritage. Use the youtube search utility to find the names of those you want to explore.

### Lost Joplin Piano roll found

"In April, May, and June of 1916, Joplin made seven hand-played piano rolls, six for the Connorized Company and one for Uni-Record... A sixth roll, *Pleasant Moments*, was advertised in the Connorized catalogue, but no copy has been found".

(Berlin, Edward A. *King of Ragtime: Scott Joplin and His Era*. New York: Oxford UP, 1994)

The roll was discovered a piano roll collector in an Ebay purchase. It was in an incorrectly labeled box. The lost roll had been sought by collectors for more than forty years before its discovery For more information about this and other piano rolls, visit the [Pianola](http://www.pianola.co.nz/index.asp) site at <http://www.pianola.co.nz/index.asp>.

Listen to an MP3 file of the [Pleasant Moments](#) piano roll.

## Ragtime/Blues/Jazz/Pop-Rock/Country

### Scott Joplin

Maple Leaf Rag

Played by Scott Joplin and recorded on Pianola Roll.

Watch this video on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMA7L7n\\_-rc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMA7L7n_-rc)

### Scott Joplin

Original Piano Rolls, recorded by Scott Joplin on Pianola Roll

Watch this video on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ybSmkyDjZI>

### James Reese Europe

GHUM James Reese Europe and the Hellfighters

Watch this video on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_YBJF8EgRUM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_YBJF8EgRUM)

### Dett: After the Cake Walk (sheet music)

<http://www.ragtimepiano.ca/images/dett1.pdf>

### Eubie Blake

Early Career

Watch this video on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgxcgzfznyM>

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### **Eubie Blake**

from Black Onmibus

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R92mkQJYe9I>

### **Ma Rainey**

"Booze and Blues"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJm3YGAwPUM>

### **Bessie Smith**

"After you've Gone"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCDOr6au\\_H8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCDOr6au_H8)

### **Blanche Calloway and Her Joy Boys**

"I'm Getting' Myself Ready"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLSA4iTk8c0>

### **Cab Calloway with the Nicholas Brothers**

"Jumpin' Jive"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_8yGGtVKrD8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8yGGtVKrD8)

### **Cab Calloway**

"Blues in the Night"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPJae8XPc68>

### **Duke Ellington**

"Satin Doll"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDDCzb3dv\\_Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDDCzb3dv_Y)

### **Count Basie Orchestra**

"One O'Clock Jump"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQi4jglT0Vo>

### **Chuck Berry**

"Roll Over Beethoven"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLD5H4uQ1xs>

### **Koko Taylor**

"Let the Good Times Roll" & "I'm a Woman"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG3GLy0tKQ4>

### **Charlie Pride**

"All I Have to Offer You Is Me"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r70RAYpQp44>

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### **Stoney Edwards**

"She's a Rock"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzIforBJyis>

## **Spirituals**

### **Paul Robeson**

"Let My People Go"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtLcELU1brA>

### **Marian Anderson**

"My Lord, What a Morning"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJoDR704-BA>

### **Kathleen Battle with the Boys Choir of Harlem**

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVyBjqY3r0k>

## **Gospel**

### **Thomas Dorsey**

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEosw5GUCzQ>

### **Tribute to Professor Thomas A. Dorsey**

"How About You?"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVTM9a0xong>

### **Dixie Hummingbirds**

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Abkn2HPwEXg>

### **Shirley Caesar, Yolanda Adams, & Donnie McClurkin**

"Medley"

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvesYVBc6Ow>

## **Classical**

### **Young Violinists Play Black Composers**

ABC News Chicago Programming

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux9wx7Jx98U>

### **Marian Anderson**

Watch this video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQonzb0Jj074>

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### **Leontyne Price**

"L'amero sarò costante" II Re Pastore

Watch this video on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsXUtXIOdn0>

### **William Grant Still**

Afro American Symphony (excerpt)

Orchestra of the Vienna Opera

Watch this video on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3JnMapsJMo>

## **Selected Audio Sources**

### **AfriClassical: Audio Clips**

#### **Beacon Press: Tracks for The Sounds of Slavery**

Audio clips to accompany the book, **The Sounds of Slavery**.

#### **Louis Armstrong House Museum**

Click on items in the left menu and link to a biographical timeline, bibliography, discography, and multimedia content, including audio and video clips.

#### **Red Hot Jazz Archive**

Access information by following the links provided in the footer to bands, musicians, etc. as well as additional links within each article. Audio files require the Real Audio Player Plug-in for playback.

#### **Year of the Blues: The Blues Radio Series**

Listen to audio of radio programming specials on the history and origins of the blues.