



# The PARAGON RAGTIME ORCHESTRA *presents*

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WITH THE ORIGINAL HISTORIC SCORES PERFORMED BY  
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Audiences love silent movies, whether they are chortling at the comedic antics of Keaton and Chaplin or cheering for the swashbuckling stunts of Douglas Fairbanks. Early cinema is a vast world of entertainment waiting to be enjoyed, and nobody brings it back to life better than the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra. With more than 600 screenings across 48 states to its credit, PRO is one of the world's most accomplished silent film accompanists. From **Hollywood** (the American Cinematheque) to **Chicagoland** (the Ravinia Festival) to **New York** (Lincoln Center) – PRO leads the way in designing, producing and performing silent film programs for delighted modern audiences of all ages.

Paragon also has one of the world's best collections of original period film scores (more than 900 titles c.1898-1928), which add historic depth to its screenings. And PRO's programs are shows inspired by the glamorous presentational style of America's "Movie Palaces" of the 1910s and '20s.



PRO's silent film programs are complete packages including the films (in a variety of formats), full orchestra, and Rick Benjamin as conductor and Master of Ceremonies. Repertoire programs include *The Clown Princes* (a "variety pack" of short comedies), and feature films such as *The Mark of Zorro*, and *Steamboat Bill Jr.* Custom programs, student events, and lecture/demonstrations are also available.

**"A Chaplin Evening, Sonically Enhanced"** (headline)

*"Listening to the full band perform the complete scores, written and timed to the action, proved to be a surprising delight...the band was nearly subliminal in its soft, well-modulated accompaniment to the screen performances...The audience chuckled along as much to the music as to the films."*

– The Washington Post.

**"The Paragons of Silent Film!"** (headline) – The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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