

Life on the Mississippi*

A Tribute to Hannibal

The Mississippi River forms Missouri's eastern border. The commercial and industrial importance of the state can be attributed to this river. American writer and native son of Hannibal, Missouri, Mark Twain is probably best known for his novels featuring Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. He also wrote *Life on the Mississippi*, a travelogue combining folklore, history and geography of the Mississippi River region.

Victor Labenske

Nostalgically (♩ = 66)

mf

mp

4

3 2 1

3

mf

1 2 4

10

mp

1 5 3

5 3

*The melody was influenced by "New Orleans" from *The Missouri Harmony*, a collection of psalm and hymn tunes dating from 1820.

Plaza Jazz

A Tribute to Kansas City

Kansas City's Country Club Plaza, with its Spanish architecture and European charm, was the first suburban shopping center in the United States. Home to many upscale shops and restaurants, the Plaza is a favorite of locals and tourists alike. Annual events, including the Plaza Art Festival and the Plaza lights celebration, draw huge crowds. Kansas City historically has also been known as a leading jazz center. "Plaza Jazz" pays tribute to these two fine Kansas City traditions.

Victor Labensky

Gently, with rubato (♩ = 80) ♩ = ♪

Katy Depot Rag

A Tribute to Sedalia

Scott Joplin, known as the “King of Ragtime,” lived in Sedalia during the 1880s, where he attended college and played at the Maple Leaf Club. During his career, Joplin wrote over 40 piano rags as well as songs and works for the stage. Today, Sedalia is the home of the annual Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival. Sedalia’s Katy Depot, built in 1896, was one of the main railway stations between Kansas City and St. Louis. The restored depot is a stop along Missouri’s 250-mile hiking and biking adventure, the Katy Trail.

Victor Labenske

Not too fast (♩ = 138)

5/3

f

1/5

1 4 1 4 3

5

2 1 3

2 1 5 3 2 1

2 2

2 2

mf

3 5

4

9

2 1

2 1 4 3

5

mp

3 4 4

13

2 1

3 1

3 4 1 2

3 1

mf

cresc.

3 3