





In honor of  
His Excellency  
The President of the Italian Republic  
and Mrs. Leone

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Wednesday, September 25, 1974



GUNTHER SCHULLER, President of the New England Conservatory of Music, composer and jazz historian, began the formal study of music when he was twelve years old. Four years later he began his professional career, playing that year in the American premiere of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony under Toscanini. After seventeen years of playing under leading conductors, Mr. Schuller began to devote his time exclusively to composing. His works have been played by major symphony orchestras and he has been the guest conductor with leading orchestras in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and throughout Europe. He served on several music faculties before becoming President of the Conservatory. In 1974 President Ford named Gunther Schuller to the National Council on the Arts.

The New England Conservatory of Music, established in 1867, is the oldest music conservatory in the United States. Many graduates are members of symphony orchestras in this country and throughout the world. The Conservatory Chorus, Orchestra and Ragtime Ensemble recently returned from a triumphal tour of Switzerland, France and Holland.

The New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble was formed in the Spring of 1972 as part of a Romantic American Music Festival at the Conservatory. It has earned universal acclaim and won a Grammy Award for the best Chamber Music Performance of 1973. Under the guidance of Gunther Schuller, it is one of the prime forces in the revival of ragtime music, especially that of Scott Joplin.

## PROGRAM

*The Entertainer*

*Cascades*

*Wall Street Rag*

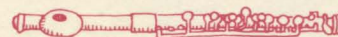
*Bethena Waltz*

*Maple Leaf Rag*

Scott Joplin

*Grandpa's Spells*

Jelly Roll Morton



THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY  
RAGTIME ENSEMBLE  
GUNTHER SCHULLER, *Conductor*

EDWIN BARKER (*bass*)  
JUDITH BEDFORD (*bassoon*)  
MARK BELAIR (*percussion*)  
BRUCE COPPOCK (*cello*)  
MARCUS FIORILLO (*guitar*)  
THOMAS FOULDS (*trombone*)  
VIRGINIA IZZO (*viola*)  
BARBARA KNAPP (*oboe*)  
GARY OFENLOCH (*tuba*)  
MARY O'REILLY (*violin*)  
DAVID RESKIN (*flute*)  
MYRON ROMANUL (*piano*)  
VICTOR SAWA (*clarinet*)  
GEORGE SULLIVAN (*horn*)  
AMY TEARE (*violin*)  
ROBERT WINIKER (*trumpet*)

