

## **School Vacation at the Movies: Richard and his Traveling Silent Movie Shows comes to Webster April 20**

*Ragtime, Charlie Chaplin, train whistles, and flying horses at the Samuel Slater Experience*

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**Webster, Mass.** – Kids of all ages are invited to be entertained by pianist and historian Richard Hughes as he presents a special children’s silent movie program at the Samuel Slater Experience museum on Thursday, April 20 at 2 p.m.

Richard will begin with a ragtime solo from the early 1900s. He will talk about silent movie days, cylinder phonographs, synchronized sound effects, animation devices, and motion picture cameras. And, of course, he will play the piano along with historic movie clips, just as it was done a century ago.

The program will take place in the museum’s recreated Main Street, which features a theater showing silent movies as a standard exhibit. “Kids love watching the silent movies,” said Museum Director Barbara Van Reed. “So, we are sure Richard Hughes’s specially planned silent movie program will be a big hit with kids.”

*Richard and his Traveling Silent Movie Shows* will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, and last about one-and-a-half hours, with an intermission.

The event is free, but registration is required. Register at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Samuel Slater Experience will not be open for regular tours on April 20.

*Richard and his Traveling Silent Movie Shows* is sponsored in part by the Webster Cultural Council.

Samuel Slater Experience is at 31 Ray Street in Webster. For more information visit [www.samuelslaterexperience.org](http://www.samuelslaterexperience.org), email [admin@samuelslaterexperience.org](mailto:admin@samuelslaterexperience.org), or call 508-461-2955.