



## Today in History

*February 12, 1924*

▲ In New York, George Gershwin played his haunting composition **Rhapsody In Blue** for the first time in public. It established his reputation as a serious composer

**2004:** San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples

**2005:** Artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude created **The Gates** in New York's Central Park – 7,503 vinyl gates hung with saffron silk

**2009:** Researchers in Germany reported the results of a three-year study to map the Neanderthal genome

**2014:** Demonstrations turned violent in Venezuela over high inflation and other economic problems