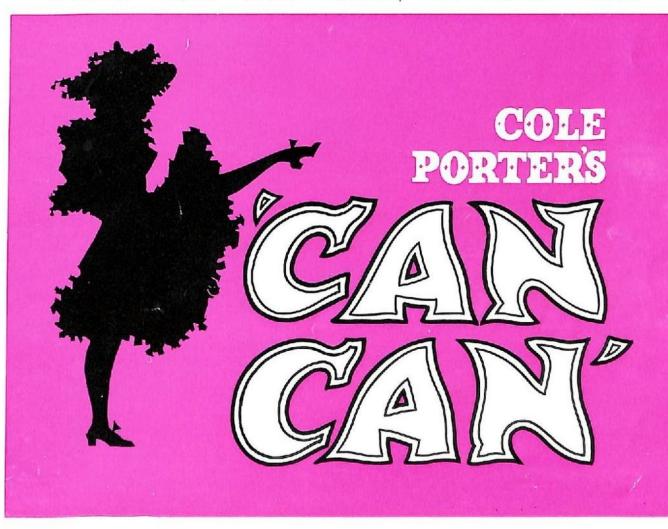
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Cedric White

This is Cedric White's second year as Musical Director for the company. We are very fortunate in being able to call on his extensive musical experience in this vital position.

The Story of "Can-Can"

"Can-Can" is a spectacular show featuring the famed Parisian Can-Can dance, and Cole Porter has actually borrowed a page from history in his references to the dancing laundresses and the theme of the dances being banned by even the worldly French authorities. All this really happened — though not in the streamlined song embellished Cole Porter manner!

Highlights of the show are the beautiful Porter melodies, including "I Love Paris," "C'est Magnifique," "Mon' Matre," "Maidens Typical of France," "The Wrong Face," and so on. Then there are the brilliantly executed dance numbers, ranging from the frenzied Can-Can itself to the Apache routine and the elaborate and decorative choreography of the Garden of Eden ballet.

Fundamentally, "Can-Can" is a love story, with the night-spot owner (La Mome Pistache) falling in love, against her better judgement, with handsome Judge Forestier, who is pledged to apply the law, even if it means running La Mome out of business, that is, until he, too, falls in love . . .

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Claudine played by Judith Cater who has taken comedienne roles in many of the company's productions, with Gooch Parahi as Boris. Gooch toured N.Z. and Australia with the N.Z. Opera Company's "Porgy and Bess" and has twice visited America with Maori Concert Parties.



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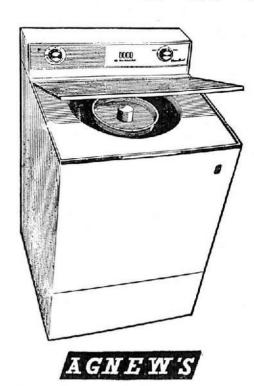
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Mary Bell

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Chorus & Ballet & Orchestra

Ladies of the Chorus

Elaine Birch, Roberta Bowers, Romaine Butterfield, Sue Cooper, Gae Coulter, Leslie Deacon, Sylvia Devine, Carol Hunter, Joyce Jeffery, Kathleen Jones, Marion Jones, Lois Kirkman, Juliet Knowles, Betty Lange, Ann Nicoll, Patricia O'Leary, Rosemary Orr, Aileen Pederson, Robyn Richards, Brenda Rollander, Glenda Smith, Sue Thomas, Fayne Udy, Judith Wellwood.

Gentlemen of the Chorus

James Archibald, John Blackburn, Michael Boag, Oliver Christoffersen, Jim Cooper, Dick Crompton, Tony Gribben, Barry Hart, John Hunt, Nigel Kirkman, John Leipst, Ross Lange, John Lay, Andrew Pack, Malcolm Palmer, Dennis Potts, Reginald Shing, Robert Smith, George Woodham.

Ladies of the Ballet

Ann Gillett, Angela Horrocks, Weslie Ryan, Briar Horrocks, Elaine Eyles, Vera Green, Cheridah Sewell, Raewyn Taylor.

Gentlemen of the Ballet

Pearce Williams, Eric Wallace, Reginald Shing, John Blackburn.

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CELESTINE		TRICIA VOSSEN MO	DNARCHIST		****	JIM CAMP
MARIE		IRIS FORBES NU	N			PATRICIA O'LEARY
GABRIELLE		SUE McKAY MO	ODEL			GLENDA SMITH
CLAUDINE		JUDITH CATER TU	RNKEY			ROBERT SMITH
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Scenes

The entire action takes place in Paris, 1890

ACT 2 ACT 1 Opening, Paris, 1890 Scene 1: Correctional Court Scene 1: The Studio Scene 2: A Street in Montmartre Scene 2: The Cafe Scene 3: Bal du Paradis The Laundry Scene 3: Scene 4: Sidewalk Cafe Scene 4: The Street Scene 5: Jail Scene 5: Roof of The Laundry Scene 6: Scene 6: The Studio Prison Scene 7: The Street Scene 7: Court of Assizes Quartz' Arts Ball Scene 8:

Musical Numbers

ACT 1 Montmartre Chorus Claudine, Celestine, Gabrielle, Lisa, Marie and Laun-Maidens Typical of France dresses. Claudine, Celestine, Gabrielle, Lisa, Marie and Laun-Reprise Maidens Typical of France dresses plus Court Officials. Pistach, Claudine, Celestine, Gabrielle, Lisa, Marie and Never Give Anything Away ****** ***** Laundresses. C'Est Magnifique Pistache, Aristide and Chorus Claudine and Ballet Quadrille Come Along with Me Hillaire and Chorus ***** ***** Reprise Come Along with Me Boris and Chorus ***** TAXABLE ! Live and Let Live Pistache and Chorus ****** ***** Boris, Claudine, Etienne, Hercule, Jacque, Theophile, am in Love ***** If you Loved me Truly Celestine, Gabrielle, Lisa, Marie, Artists and Models. Montmartre Ensemble ***** ****** Garden of Eden Claudine and Ballet recent. ***** ***** Allez Vous En Pistache ****** Reprise Allez Vous En Pistache ACT 2 Never be an Artist Boris, Etienne, Hercule, Theophile, Jacque and Artists It's All Right With Me Pistache, Celestine, Gabrielle, Lisa and Marie Every Man is a Stupid Man The Apaches Claudine and Ballet I Love Paris Pistache and Chorus Reprise C'Est Magnifique Aristide and Pistache Can Can Pistache and Laundresse. Claudine and Ballet FINALE—Montmatre, I Love Paris, Can Can, Entire Company

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Miss Corinne Bridge of the New Zealand Opera Company appears in the role of Pistache and her wide experience both here and abroad has been a great inspiration to us all.

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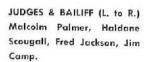


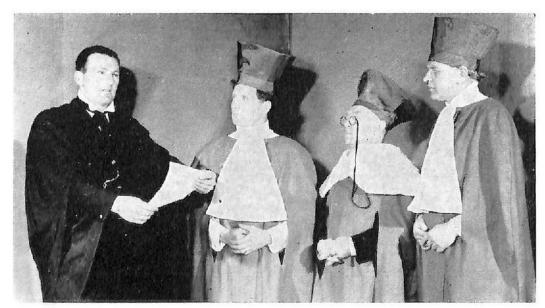
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A versatile actor who has appeared in everything from Opera to Farce, Peter Mackie brings out all the comedy in the part of Hillaire Jussac.



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