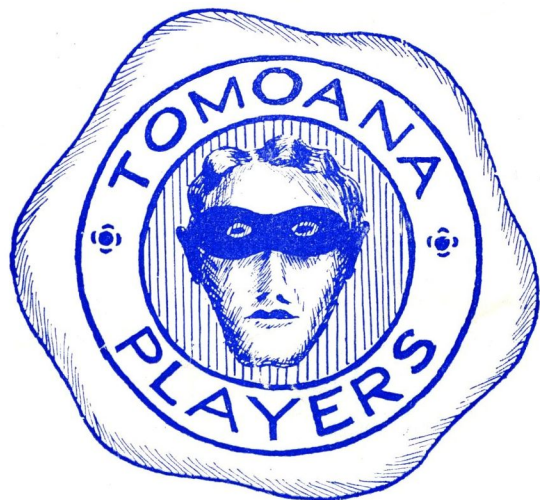


Season
1958



Present their . . .

15th. Annual Production

"Seven Keys to Baldpate"

By George M. Cohan.

*Based on the novel of the same name
by Earl Derr Biggers*

(Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., New York)

A MELODRAMATIC FARCE

IN

A Prologue, Two Acts and an Epilogue

DIRECTED by RICHARD J. THOMAS.

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CAST :

(in order of appearance)

ELIJAH QUIMBY, the caretaker of Baldpate Inn	SAM NEWTON
MRS. QUIMBY, the caretaker's wife - - -	NELLIE WILKINSON
WILLIAM HALLOWELL MAGEE, the novelist	PETER PLUMMER
JOHN BLAND, the millionaire's right hand man	FRANK HARGREAVES
MARY NORTON, the newspaper reporter - -	JEAN GOODALL
MRS. RHODES, the charming widow - - -	AGNES USHER
PETERS, the Hermit of Baldpate - - - -	JIM CAMP
MYRA THORNHILL, the blackmailer - - -	MAVIS ROBINSON
LOU MAX, the Mayor's Man "Friday" - -	MICHAEL BROWN
JIM CARGAN, the crooked Mayor of Reuton -	GEORGE WILKINSON
THOMAS HAYDEN, the President of the Reuton Suburban Railroad Co.	LEW STEWART
JIGGS KENNEDY, Chief of Police of Asquewan Falls	BRUCE SHARP
A COP, State Police - - - - -	KENNETH JENKS
THE OWNER OF BALDPATE - - - - -	ALLAN EDWARDS

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THE AUTHOR AND THE PLAY

George M. Cohan, once called "The Ivor Novello of America" was an American actor, dramatist, producer and song writer.

Among his many successes "Get Rich Quick Wallingford," "Broadway Jones," "The Miracle Man" and "Seven Keys to Baldpate" are perhaps his best known.

In 1941 (the year before he died) he was the recipient of a Congressional Medal for his services to the morale of the nation in writing the songs "Over There" and "You're a Grand Old Flag."

"Seven Keys to Baldpate" was originally a novel written by Earl Derr Biggers, the man who created the popular Oriental detective "Charlie Chan."

Adapted and dramatised by George M. Cohan, it first appeared on Broadway in 1913, played in London in 1914, with Sir Charles Hawtrey in the role of "Magee". It was an instant success. Since then it has toured the entire English-speaking world, and has been filmed three times, twice as a "silent" and once as a "talkie."

This play is already heavily booked by several Societies in New Zealand for production this year.

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House Manager	Mr J. HANNON

Stage Staff: Messrs. M. Brain, M. Boagey, F. Gillies, K. Jenks, and C. Pedersen

Synopsis :

The entire action of the play takes place in the Reception Hall of Baldpate Inn, in approximately 24 hours.

Time: The Present . . . Mid-winter.

SCENES:

Prologue: 11 p.m. The curtain will be lowered for 10 seconds.

ACT I: Midnight.

Interval — 10 minutes

ACT II: 2 a.m. The curtain will be lowered for 5 seconds.

EPILOGUE: ???

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