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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**What:** Tribute performance about George M. Cohan

**When:** 7 pm Thursday, May 7

**Where:** Toms River library branch

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### **Regards to George M. Cohan coming to Toms River library**

**TOMS RIVER** - George M. Cohan was the musical biographer of the United States in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. His songs are as popular now as they were 90 years ago.

Chip Deffaa's award-winning musical "George M. Cohan Tonight" pays tribute to him by packing 40 songs into 95 fast-moving minutes to tell the story of this legendary song-and-dance man. The musical is performed by Jon Peterson and has played around the U.S. and the world.

You'll hear such standards as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Give My Regards to Broadway," and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Cohan, known as the man who owned Broadway, single-handedly created the musical comedy. He wrote more than 50 shows, 40 of them before 1920, and hundreds of songs.

The tribute to Cohan begins 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at the Toms River library branch.

The program is free but registration is required. To register telephone the branch 732-349-6200 or 609-971-0514 or go to the library website: [www.theoceancountylibrary.org](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org), click on the "Events & News" icon, then click on "Calendar of Events."

Jon Peterson has appeared onstage in London in "42<sup>nd</sup> Street," "A Chorus Line," "The Sound of Music," and "Cats."

Daffaa's tribute to Cohan is part of the Ocean County Library's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrating the decade of the 1920s.