

The Beat Goes On Marching Band

Mission Statement

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Encourage a life-long appreciation of music and participation in the joys of music-making through exuberant performances at local, regional, state, national, and international community events while reliving the best parts of the marching band experience that we fondly remember.

The Beat Goes On Marching Band (TBGO) was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the fall of 2011. TBGO is an all-adult marching band based in Portland, Oregon, open to those who are over the age of eighteen or are high school graduates. The band (which includes a dance team, color guard, and a twirling squad) ranges in age from 20's to 80's. Band members hail primarily from the Pacific Northwest but come from as far away as Ohio, Florida, Arizona, and California for special events.

TBGO rehearses regularly throughout the year and performs at a wide variety of events, with a typical performance year including 12-20 events. In a typical year approximately 60% of events are local; 35% are community events outside the Portland-Metro area; and 5% require extensive national or international travel. TBGO regularly offers its services for free or at a reduced rate to support charitable events.

TBGO's regular rehearsals and wide variety of performance venues further its mission by:

- Providing musicians of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to improve their musicianship through exposure to different types & styles of popular music and the "team experience" of shared music;
- Exposing our audiences to an eclectic selection of live popular music enhanced by the band's high-energy, upbeat approach;
- Encouraging listeners to add music to their lives by learning (or re-learning) to play musical instruments;
- Encouraging young musicians to remain musically active by providing a clear example that performing can be fun for musicians of all ages and skill levels.