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THE BEAT GOES ON MARCHING BAND *Keeping the Beat for 2013*

Portland, OR – **THE BEAT GOES ON MARCHING BAND (TBGO)**, with a membership of 250 adults, founded in October 2011, announces its upcoming performances for 2013.

The all adult band, **TBGO**, looks forward to another year of bringing music and merriment to more neighborhoods throughout the Northwest and beyond than any other Oregon marching band.

Very exciting on the schedule is May 6, 2013, at 11:00am, when **TBGO** will perform at the opening ceremonies of the Oregon House at the State Capitol in Salem, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Reardon. The band will be the largest group ever to perform at an Oregon House session opening. Following the session adjournment, the band will rock out with a selection of its favorite tunes on the State Capitol steps.

President and Music Director, Steve Tolopka, said: “We’re really jazzed about the opportunity to be the first-ever marching band to play for an Oregon House session opening. It’ll be another terrific experience to add to the band’s collection of fun memories.”

The **TBGO** Performance Schedule for 2013 will continue to grow, but currently includes:

April 27 – 82nd Avenue of the Roses Parade, Portland, OR
May 5 - Long Beach Loyalty Days, Long Beach, WA
May 18 - Iris Festival, Keizer
July 5 - Calgary Stampede, Alberta, Canada
July 19-21 - Yoshida Sand in the City, Portland, OR
July 20 – Summerfest, Troutdale, OR
July 24 – Summer Arts on Main Street, Portland, OR

Aug 6 - Bridlemile Neighborhood National Night Out, Portland, OR
Aug 11 - Providence Bridge Pedal, Portland, OR
Aug 17 - Multnomah Village Days, Portland, OR
Sept 7 -Beaverton Parade, Beaverton, OR
Sept 21 – Walk to Defeat ALS walk, Vancouver, WA
Nov 11 - Ross Hollywood Veteran’s Parade, Portland, OR
Nov 22 - Macy's Holiday Parade, Portland, OR

Last year, **TBGO** thrilled crowds at 29 events throughout the Northwest, in the Bahamas, and aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship. Its energetic members are looking forward to another fun-filled year marching with **TBGO**. “Picnics, parades, parties, pep rallies, festivals, field shows, barbeques, birthdays, conventions, weddings, even funerals – we’ve played ‘em all,” said Tolopka.

TBGO is seeking new members to join the fun for the 2013 performance year, and would like to encourage any adult with band experience to apply at www.thebeatgoesonmb.org.

THE BEAT GOES ON MARCHING BAND: More events, more music, more smiles!
Want to come out and play?

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