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Canby Festival Showcases Area's Best Adult Bands

PORTLAND – Nine bands, with players from across the region, will make a joyful noise in Canby on Saturday, Apr. 5. The sixth-annual **Oregon Adult Band Festival** kicks off at 9:45am, with McMinnville's Second Winds Concert Band, and runs through 5pm.

The Festival features only adult bands, so don't expect to see lots of tassled uniforms and teenaged drum majors. "High school and college bands have numerous opportunities to get together," says Festival director Richard Boberg. "But, aside from our event, there just isn't any other opportunity to have adult bands in the area play for each other."

"We're all there to impress each other and have a good time," says Steve Tolopka, director of **The Beat Goes On (TBGO)**. "As the only marching band, we'll bring a different sound to the Festival. A *very* different sound."

TBGO's 20-plus events in 2014 include the nation's oldest Independence Day parade in Rhode Island and a multi-day series of appearances in Shanghai, China in September. But its far-flung schedule doesn't mean it downplays a local gig like the one in Canby.

"Hey, we're the closing act that afternoon. We know what that means! We'll feature our contemporary playlist and our own take on what a marching band should be," says Tolopka. "I've told our 'Band of Irregulars' that we want to be able to *really* play our Festival show in a way that makes us proud to be there, with the other bands from around the community and around the state."

"There's a lot of good, audience-friendly music that will be played," says Festival director Boberg. The audience "will hear everything from musicals to marches to rock 'n' roll ... and maybe even some John Philip Sousa."

"Sousa? Maybe ... just not from us!" says Tolopka, with a wink.

The Festival, hosted by the Portland Wind Symphony, takes place at the **Richard R. Brown Performing Arts Center at Canby High School at 721 SW Fourth St. in Canby**. The media is welcome at the festival. The public can purchase all-day tickets at the door for \$5. Proceeds go to the Canby High School music department.

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