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Teddy Roosevelt Historical Tribute to Visit Salem on April 27

Salem, OR – 26 March 2015 – “Teddy Roosevelt’s Oregon Roadshow,” a live performance by historical recreator Joe Wiegand, will visit Salem for a special event at the Willamette Heritage Center (1313 Mill Street SE) at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 27, as part of a one-week tour of schools and museums sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and Wells Fargo.

After visiting in 2012, the Willamette Heritage Center is thrilled to host the 26th president again in Salem. Enjoy locally made pies and coffee, as well as have an opportunity to ask the President your questions. Tickets to the performance are \$20 per person if reserved by April 20, and \$15 for WHC members. To make reservations and purchase tickets, please contact Amy Vandegrift at 503.585.7012 x253 or amyv@willametteheritage.org.

For the past three years, Wiegand has entertained and educated people of all ages as he traversed more than 3,500 miles across Oregon. This year, in his fourth annual visit to Oregon, he will travel from Portland to Prineville, with stops in Jefferson, Bend, Hood River, and more. Visit ohs.org to view the complete schedule.

“OHS is thrilled to again partner with Wells Fargo to bring this educational experience to schools and historical organizations throughout the region,” said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk.

Wiegand has been bringing T.R. to life for years with his unparalleled grasp of history and uncanny resemblance to the 26th president. His depth of knowledge about the personal anecdotes in Roosevelt’s life make his audiences feel they are truly in the presence of the former U.S. president and adventurer.

“Wells Fargo is celebrating its 163rd anniversary this year. We’ve never lost sight of our history and the role Wells Fargo played in our country’s development of the West,” said Tracy Curtis, Wells Fargo’s Oregon regional president. “We’re grateful to the Oregon Historical Society for

organizing this unique educational experience. Children and adults alike will delight in seeing our former president come to life.”

An author, naturalist, explorer, soldier, conservationist, and president, Roosevelt’s history is larger than life. His fascinating career boasted many accomplishments, including the creation of Crater Lake National Park in 1902.

“So many of T.R.’s contemporaries testify to the way he entertained audiences with inspirational and humorous stories from his youth, his ranching days, Cuba, and the presidency,” Wiegand said. “I really enjoy sharing T.R.’s funny stories of life in the White House with six kids and telling anecdotes from his many adventures, from bear hunts to the Panama Canal, from Africa to the Amazon.”

About the Willamette Heritage Center

A visit to the Willamette Heritage Center is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. The five-acre campus is home to fourteen historic structures that present the stories and richness of Oregon's past. Pioneer buildings at the Willamette Heritage Center take visitors back to the early settlement of western Oregon. The 1841 Jason Lee House, arguably the oldest standing wooden frame house in Oregon, pre-dates the first wagon trains crossing the Oregon Trail. These structures provide a glimpse into the lives of the missionaries and pioneering families when these early founders were putting down roots in the Valley.

The 1895 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, one of the best-preserved Victorian-Age factories in the West and designated an American Treasure by the National Park Service, vividly tells the story of industrialization in the West. See how it was to work in what was once a leading textile factory in Oregon, the legacy of which is continued today by Pendleton Woolen Mills. Changing exhibitions at the Willamette Heritage Center explore and highlight the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the Mid-Willamette Valley. For more information, visit www.WillametteHeritage.org.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state’s collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon’s history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon’s cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.

About Wells Fargo

Founded in 1852 by Henry Wells and William Fargo, Wells Fargo operates 11 free history museums around the nation, including Portland. The museums provide free tours and programs. For more information about the Portland museum or to schedule a group tour there, call Steve Greenwood at (503) 886-1102. More information about Wells Fargo’s history is also posted on www.wellsfargohistory.com.