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“Ideas Booth” gives one person the chance to join Ann Curry and Thomas Lauderdale on the TEDxPortland Stage April 21

Portland, OR – March 9, 2018 – The Oregon Historical Society has partnered with TEDxPortland for an exciting opportunity for you to make history!

It may seem like an impossible dream to join the likes of Bill Gates or Brené Brown as speakers at TED, the legendary ideas conference. But with the creation of TEDx, independently-organized TED-like conferences throughout the world, it’s now possible for far more people to become speakers and share their idea.

And, for the first time, there’s an opportunity for one more person to join the speaker line up at the largest TEDx in the nation—TEDxPortland.

From March 5 through April 5, Oregonians have an opportunity to be chosen to join the lineup of speakers on stage at TEDxPortland on April 21 by visiting the Ideas Booth at the Oregon Historical Society and recording their pitch within 90 seconds or less. The Ideas Booth is located in the Oregon Historical Society pavilion and can be accessed for free during regular museum hours (Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 12pm to 5pm).

The chosen speaker will be paired with a TEDxPortland Speaker Coach and graphic design team to hone their presentation and idea so that they are stage ready for 3000+ people (and thousands more watching online via OregonLive.com and KGW.com)

TEDxPortland returns to the Keller Auditorium for its 8th year on April 21, 2018. Speakers include world renowned photojournalist Ann Curry; Dr. Albert Chi, the OHSU inventor of

the first bionic arm; Chief of Police Danielle Outlaw; legendary creator Tom Sachs; Pink Martini front man Thomas Lauderdale; and Tyrone Poole, a man who emerged from homelessness to start a tech company that helps people find homes.

Learn more about the Ideas Booth at www.ohs.org/tedxportland and starting working on your pitch!

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.