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Teddy Roosevelt historical tribute tour returns to Oregon Oct. 9 – 13

Performances set for Beaverton, Helix, Medford, Pendleton, Portland and Salem

PORTLAND, Ore. – Oct. 5, 2017 – [Teddy Roosevelt’s Oregon Roadshow](#), a week-long performance tour by historical recreator Joe Wiegand, returns Oct. 9–13 to Oregon. This annual event is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) and Wells Fargo.

For the past five years, Wiegand has entertained and educated people of all ages as he traversed more than 5,000 miles throughout the state. This year he will perform at schools and museums in Beaverton, Helix, Medford, Pendleton, Portland, and Salem. Visit www.ohs.org/teddy to view the complete schedule.

Portlanders can see “Teddy” at a special performance on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1126 S.W. Park Avenue. Tickets are free but space is limited; tickets can be reserved in advance online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3079439>.

“I have personally seen ‘Teddy’ perform more than 75 times, yet each time I am blown away by his energy and how he truly embodies our 26th president,” said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. “OHS is thrilled to again partner with Wells Fargo to bring this educational experience to schools and historical organizations throughout the region.”

Wiegand has been bringing T.R. to life for years with his unparalleled grasp of history and uncanny resemblance to the famed Rough Rider. 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 165th 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 of Portland, a Wells Fargo region bank 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 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 12 free history museums around the nation, including one at 1300 S.W. Fifth Ave. downtown 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 or Natalie Fund at (503) 886-1102. More information about Wells Fargo’s history is also posted on www.wellsfargohistory.com.