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**Oregon Historical Society's first "History in the Making" event showcases local Olympic fencer Mariel Zagunis, Sunday April 3**

**Portland, OR – March 29, 2011** – This Sunday, the Oregon Historical Society is excited to unveil the first ever "History in the Making" event as an extension of the Sunday Lecture Series. "History in the Making" was created as a way to showcase local Oregonians who are making history in their daily lives. The first event will take place this Sunday, April 3 at 2 PM, and will feature Beaverton native Mariel Zagunis, two time Olympic gold medal winner in fencing.

Zagunis has been one of the top athletes in her field for some time, but her road to the Olympics was not an easy one. As the 2004 Olympic Games approached, Zagunis thought her dreams of competing in Athens were over, as she was the highest ranked American fencer not to qualify. As luck would have it, Nigeria declined to send its team to The Games, giving Zagunis the opportunity to compete, and go on to win, Olympic gold. Four years later, after many more trips to awards podiums worldwide, Zagunis again won gold at the Beijing Olympics. Still at the top of her game, Mariel Zagunis is the World Champion and is currently ranked #1 in the world.

This weekend, Oregonians will have the opportunity to meet a true history maker, and learn about the sport of fencing from the Olympian herself. Mariel Zagunis will be at OHS this Sunday for an interview and a live fencing demonstration in the OHS Pavilion. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending by calling 503-306-5214.

**About the Oregon Historical Society**

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon's primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.

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