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**Nation's Top Theodore Roosevelt Repriser to Perform at the Oregon Historical Society,
Tuesday April 5**

Portland, OR – March 25, 2011 - The Theodore Roosevelt Association, Oregon Roughrider Chapter, is pleased to present Joe Wiegand, the nation's premier Theodore Roosevelt repriser, in a series of speeches and presentations using the words, philosophy and style of Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States (1901–1909). On April 5 at 12:30 PM, Wiegand will be giving a special performance at the Oregon Historical Society tailored for students based on his extensive knowledge of Roosevelt's life and writings.

Mr. Wiegand appears in period costume, and bears an uncanny resemblance to the great President. As a one-man theater show, Wiegand shares stories full of adventure, laughter and inspiration. These appearances promise to be a visual delight and also to be of significant educational value. This event is a great opportunity to show students how theater and drama can be used in a creative way to teach history.

All are welcome to attend this special event in the OHS Pavilion as part of regular admission. Space is limited, so be sure to arrive early to get a seat!

About Joe Wiegand:

Joe Wiegand is regarded by many as the nation's premiere Theodore Roosevelt repriser. Wiegand brings T.R. to life with an unparalleled grasp of history and an uncanny way of quickly convincing you that you are in the company of the great Rough Rider President.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, the President's daughter, said famously: "Father wanted to be the bride at every wedding, the corpse at every funeral and the baby at every christening." Wiegand's T.R. is expert, showman, storyteller, family man, politician and servant, an amazing, poignant and humorous presentation of a man John Burroughs called: "a many sided man and each side a battery."

As Theodore Roosevelt, Wiegand shares stories from a lifetime of service and adventure, ranging from cowboy excitement in the Dakotas to the charge of the cavalry up the heights of Santiago de Cuba. With Wiegand, audiences can join T.R. on an African safari and an exploration of Amazon River jungles, and hear tales of building the Panama Canal, a modern Navy and a vibrant conservation movement.

A graduate in political science from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, Wiegand is a former graduate assistant at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Wiegand is a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a Thomas Watson Fellow and an active member of the National Association for Interpretation and Rotary International.

In 2008, Wiegand, his wife Jenny, daughter Sam, and golden retriever Faith, celebrated Theodore Roosevelt's 150th birthday with a national tour. Highlighted by performances at the White House and T.R.'s birthplace in New York City, Wiegand completed a fifty state itinerary, entertaining thousands and visiting hundreds of places associated with T.R.'s life and legacy. More information about Wiegand and the T.R. Tour is available at www.teddyrooseveltshow.com

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.

About the Theodore Roosevelt Association:

Founded in 1919 and chartered by Congress in 1920, the Theodore Roosevelt Association is a national historical society and public service organization that has perpetuated the memory and legacy of our nation's 26th President through an array of historical and cultural activities. Its members come from every state and have diverse backgrounds, but they all share a keen interest in history and in furthering the legacy of one of America's first modern presidents. The Oregon Roughrider Chapter was founded in 2001, and has undertaken projects such as the restoration and maintenance of the equestrian bronze statue of President Roosevelt in Portland's North Park Blocks.

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