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Band Geeks! the Musical Marches Into Broadway Rose Theatre's New Stage

Tigard, OR – The Broadway Rose Theatre Company kicks off its 2014 season of brass 'n' sass with the upbeat musical comedy, *Band Geeks!* playing at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Preview performance is Thursday, January 30 with opening night on **Friday, January 31**, and performances continue through **March 2, 2014**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, February 8, 15, 22, and March 1. The New Stage is located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. **Tickets start at $30** for adults, with discounts available for groups and youth. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit www.broadwayrose.org or call the box office at 503.620.5262.

This new musical is a high-stepping tribute to high school marching bands and misfits everywhere! With just nine members and dwindling funds, the Cuyahoga High marching band are close to extinction. When a troubled athlete is relegated to their ranks, tuba-playing band captain Elliott and his best friend Laura must find a way to unite the band, embrace their inner geek and save the marching band. A rousing and triumphant musical for all ages!

Band Geeks! features music by Mark Allen, Gaby Alter and Tommy Newman, and lyrics by

Alter and Newman. The book is by Newman and Greenberg. The concept is by Newman.

Band Geeks! creator, Tommy Newman, is an admitted former "fully-fledged band geek," having spent 8 years in school marching bands himself. The story was born out of a graduate school assignment to write about a group of people to whom he related most. The play was featured at the National Alliance for Musical Theatre's 2009 Festival of New Plays, and received its world premiere at Goodspeed Musicals in 2010.

Isaac Lamb will direct the Broadway Rose production, with musical direction by Mont Chris Hubbard and choreography by Dan Murphy. The creative team also includes Sean O'Skea (*Scenic Designer*), Allison Dawe (*Costume Designer*), Gene Dent (*Lighting Designer*), Tim Richey (*Sound Designer*), Deb Dahling (*Prop Designer*), and Jessica Downs (*Production Stage Manager*).

The cast includes Ryan Andrews as Elliot, Danielle Purdy as Laura, Zach Cossman as Jake, Erin Charles as Nicole, Amy Jo Halliday as Principal Dixon, and Joe Theissen as music teacher Mr. Hornsby.

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