

# Bands will amass in Newberg for festival

First Newberg Community Band Festival scheduled for Saturday

Members of the community will have the opportunity to hear not one, but 13 community bands perform Saturday at the first Newberg Community Band Festival.

The 45-member Newberg Community Band will host the all-day event at George Fox University's Bauman Auditorium. Beginning at 8:15 a.m., the succession of community bands will play in 45-minute slots.

"There are many joys to having a band festival such as this," said organizer and conductor Dick Elliott, a George Fox adjunct professor of music and former Newberg High School band director. "It is free and the audience can come and go as they please throughout the day. The

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organizer*

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programs submitted by the bands are truly exciting, with a variety of music ranging from show tunes to Sousa.

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Participants include the McMinnville 2nd Winds; the Beaverton Community

Band; the Willamette Valley Concert Band from the Monmouth/Independence area; the Vancouver, Wash., New Horizons Band; the Whiskey Flats Brass Band from Stevenson, Wash.; the Portland Metro Concert Band; the Marion County Citizen's Band; the Rose City Gay Freedom Band; the (Coos) Bay Area Concert Band; the Portland Community Wind Band; the Clackamas Community Band; the Tualatin Valley Community Band; and, of course, the Newberg Community Band.

The Newberg Community Band is a wind ensemble that formed almost two years ago. The group will offer the last performance, a 5:30 p.m. program that will include "Hero Music" by David Holsinger, "Dance I" by Dmitri Shostakovich and "Harvest Hymn" by Percy Grainger.