

ABOUT THE GREEN GARTER BAND

What is the Green Garter Band? That's a difficult question to answer. The Green Garter Band was originally a Dixieland band that wore green garters on their sleeves: thus the name that has stuck for nearly 20 years. Now, the band serves as the core of the Oregon Marching Band and Oregon Basketball Band, plays at every volleyball and women's basketball game each season, and performs for various athletic department and community functions. During spring term, the band regularly heads out of town to play for high schools and festivals around the state of Oregon. Members receive full in-state scholarships for this intense time commitment.

The Green Garter Band, in our eyes, is the ultimate pep band. It is also more than a pep band. We strive for musical excellence as a means to create more energy than a typical athletic band. The Green Garter Band is a group of musicians, but we are also a family—dysfunctional at times, but banded closely together simply by the amount of time we spend together rehearsing, performing, and having fun with the music we create.

Like a sports team, each year is different. The roster changes, the schedule is new, and the group chemistry is determined every step of the way. This season has been a highlight of my career in the Green Garter Band with the amount of musicianship, dedication, and adventurous spirit everyone in the band has put forth. I challenged the group to think deeply about who they are as the Green Garter Band, and they responded with thoughtfulness, spirit, and a willingness to communicate.

Tonight we give you our last hurrah and say farewell to the 2002-2003 season of the Green Garter Band. We also send four special members off into the world: Josh Head, Ryan Chaney, Aaron Flatten, and Dave Constantine. Their contributions to this group have been diverse and immense. We hope your night is energized and your spirits enlivened.

—*Brian Silva, Director*

GREEN GARTER BAND PERSONNEL

Brian Silva, alto saxophone I	Jared Reno, mellophone
Keith Muramatsu, alto saxophone II	Ryan Chaney, trombone I
Tim Harrington, tenor saxophone	Luke Warren, trombone II
Laura Arthur, baritone saxophone	Ruxton Schuh, guitar
Chris Rowbotham, trumpet I	Aaron Flatten, bass
Jeremy Adams, trumpet II	Dave Constantine, drumset
Josh Head, trumpet III	

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103rd Season, 162nd program

Beall Hall
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening
June 4, 2003

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GREEN GARTER BAND

Brian Silva, director

Todd Zimbelman, faculty advisor

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