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Halie Loren Headlines Benefit for Bees

EUGENE, ORE. – Beyond Toxics kicks off National Pollinator Week early this year at the 6th annual Bee Jazzy, a benefit to Save Oregon's Bees co-hosted by Mountain Rose Herbs and GloryBee.

On Thursday, June 13th, internationally acclaimed pop/jazz chanteuse Halie Loren will be headlining the 6th annual Bee Jazzy. Popular local jazz artists The Paul Biondi Trio open this year. This gala evening takes place from 5:30pm to 9:30 pm in the wine country of southern Lane County. Proceeds from the evening benefit Beyond Toxics and its **Save Oregon's Bees Campaign**.

“As a life-long lover of nature, I know how important bees are in creating and maintaining a thriving ecosystem. I love being able to support Beyond Toxics and the work that they do to preserve and protect the health of our precious pollinators,” says Halie. “And I love to play music in my hometown, so it's a multifaceted joy for me!”

Fittingly, this year's Bee Jazzy takes place during National Pollinator Week, “an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles.” While a great deal of attention has been focused on honeybees for their pivotal role in agriculture, less attention has been given to native bee species – like bumblebees, miner bees and mason bees – which face even more alarming declines across the continent and are equally vital to the health of native ecosystems and the food supply.

Beyond Toxics works to protect bees by educating the public about the danger posed to pollinators by neonicotinoid pesticides and other toxic products, promoting legislation to protect Oregon's bees and promoting the Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA movement. Last year, the University of Oregon signed a pledge to become an official Bee Campus, meaning it will not use chemicals toxic to bees and will establish and maintain healthy, non-toxic pollinator habitat.

In addition to jazz music by the Halie Loren Jazz Trio and opening act The Paul Biondi Trio, Bee Jazzy features a silent auction with packages that include getaways to some of Oregon's hidden gems and date night excursions to the opera or the theater. Two of Eugene's favorite food carts, Navarro's Latin Creole Kitchen and Lani Moku Grill, will be on hand with a selection of delicious food.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and include a glass of Silvan Ridge wine. Visit beejazzy.org for tickets and full details.

Beyond Toxics promotes environmental justice engagement and community-based environmental grassroots organizing to ensure environmental protection and health for all communities.