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PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE BE MERRY DOWNTOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



Portland, OR – (October 26) – Pioneer Courthouse Square is pleased to announce a variety of FREE events & activities in downtown Portland this holiday season!

Mark your calendars to experience all of the holiday festivities in Portland's Living Room:

November 10 at Noon

Stimson Lumber Tree Arrival

Come downtown to welcome the arrival of Portland's 75-foot tall Douglas Fir to Portland's Living Room. Festivities include a visit from Santa, seasonal songs performed by the Dickens Carolers and free hot chocolate provided by Unitus Community Credit Union.

November 25 at 5:30PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony Presented by SmartPark

The day after Thanksgiving, thousands of Portlanders will gather at the Square to celebrate the official start of the season by lighting the spectacular 75ft Tree provided by Stimson Lumber Company. This year's event will feature a *holiday sing-a-long featuring Pink Martini, members of the Oregon Symphony and the Pacific Youth Choir*. With a big tree, colorful lights and a great community sing-a-long this is an event you won't want to miss!

November 26

Civil War Game Viewing

Drop by the Square in between your holiday shopping to check out the score of the Civil War game between the Ducks and the Beavers on Portland's own AdVan!

November 30 – December 4

16th Annual Holiday Ale Festival

More than 40 breweries will be featured at this year's event, all of which are created specifically to bring warmth and cheer to the holiday season. For event information and admission fees, visit holidayale.com.

December 6 at 6:00PM

Cascadia Choir

Pacific Youth's Chorus premiere group, Cascadia Choir, will be at the Square performing Holiday music.

December 9 at 5:30PM

Soul'd Out

Most recently seen on NBC's hit show, *The Sing Off*, Wilsonville High School's a cappella group will perform!

December 10 at 1:30PM

21st Annual Tuba Christmas Concert Presented by SmartPark

Downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass led by Chuck Bolton as over 225 tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square. For more information or performance registration visit: www.pcspdx.org or call 503.223.1613.

December 11 at 12:45pm

Portland Sugarplum Elves

The Portland Sugarplum Elves are a performance group who sing, dance and entertain. Their matching outfits and adorable elf personalities are a surefire way to brighten up anyone's holiday season!

December 12 at 12:00pm

Laurelhurst Elementary Chorus

Holiday music brought to you by the 6th-8th grade students of Laurelhurst Elementary School.

December 17 at 12:45pm

Portland Gay Men's Chorus

A local favorite, the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, will perform their favorite holiday songs and more.

For even more FREE family fun downtown this holiday season visit www.pcspdx.com or follow us on Twitter @pcspdx

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