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FROM PORTLAND'S LIVING ROOM TO YOURS, *WE ARE TOGETHER*



PORTLAND, OR - (April 21, 2020) - Pioneer Courthouse Square, working in partnership with [Portland creative Larry Yes](#), a socially-engaged folk artist, and local news affiliate [KGW](#), is proud to unveil the **colorful and vibrant** temporary night-time art installation '**We Are Together**'. This large-scale graphic literary installation brings a **message of positivity and unity** from Portland's Living Room to Living Rooms throughout the region.

"At the heart of this moment is the interconnectedness of all people on this planet. We are all connected and to me that is truly beautiful! I wanted to send a message that was simple, universal and hopeful - wherever you are 'We Are Together'," says artist, Larry Yes.

At a time when our City's highly visited central City Park is void of public gathering due to the health and safety measures instituted to protect our community, this unique temporary art installation was conceived in collaboration with the **Square's citywide public safety partners**. **To assure Portlanders are safe and abiding by all social distancing guidelines** Pioneer Courthouse Square asks community members to **exclusively view remotely during nighttime hours through [KGW's Pioneer Courthouse Square skycam](#)** atop the Pioneer Park building.

"Keeping with The Square's mission to creatively program and enrich the environment of Portland's central gathering space, we hope this temporary art installation brings a sense of connectedness from the heart of our

downtown into the homes of our community members throughout the region” said Pioneer Courthouse Square President, Ron Stewart.

Pioneer Courthouse Square worked collaboratively with many valued partners who donated time and resources to ensure each step of this installation was carefully and thoughtfully executed. KGW provided a unique platform to bring this art installation virtually to our community while Cinder and Piper Design strategically plotted the artwork to scale within the Square while fulfilling the artist’s original vision. Oregon Blue Print was instrumental in selecting a durable, non-slip temporary ground material that could easily be removed from the bricks while Custom Graphics precisely installed each piece bringing it to life. Overall, this rainbow colored installation measures 82ft x 91ft.

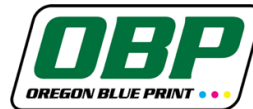
For more information on **this uplifting, night-time virtual installation** click [here](#) and visit the KGW skycam [here](#). Follow Pioneer Courthouse Square on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date on all of the free virtual community programming offered by the Square.

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About Artist Larry Yes

Larry Yes is a socially-engaged conceptual folk artist, songwriter, and musician whose work focuses on positivity, humor, and fostering social bonds through creativity. Yes first was introduced to Pioneer Courthouse Square as an artist in resident in 2017 during the Houseguest program. He returned in 2019 for the Festival of Flowers in which he designed and painted a 1979 Cadillac and again in the summer to lead 'Art in the Park' as a part of Pioneer Courthouse Square’s Community Wellness Series.

About Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc.

Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to manage Downtown’s central public gathering space, known adoringly as Portland’s Living Room, to achieve an active and healthy downtown environment. Hosting more than 300 programmed events each year, through a variety of public and private partnerships, Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. operates within a budget of \$2.2M composed of cash and in-kind donations.