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## SEASONAL COMMUNITY EVENT SPACE LAUNCHED THIS MONTH AT THE SQUARE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S  
EVENTS ACTION TABLE

PORTLAND, OR - (April 27, 2022) - Pioneer Courthouse Square announced the arrival of **The Welcome Dome** to "Portland's Living Room." This new, colorful, large-scale performance space will serve as the host site for **community organizations, artists, and performers** to bring diverse programming to the heart of Downtown.

**The Welcome Dome** is a locally sourced 36' geodesic event dome that will be located on The Square now through June. In collaboration with The City of **Portland's Events Action Table**, each day the Welcome Dome will be filled with free, diverse community programming opportunities for Square visitors to enjoy.

“With Bollywood dancing, live podcasts, music and dance parties to local makers, artists, theater, and more, the Welcome Dome will be an energetic and lively space to gather and celebrate throughout the spring,” said Katie Meyers and Michelle David, Co-Chairs, City of Portland Events Action Table. “This eclectic programming has something for everyone, ensuring vibrant entertainment offerings for Portlanders of every stripe. We’re so grateful to the Square for offering our incredible event producer community a venue to show off this city’s talents.”

Spring performances in the Welcome Dome are being developed in partnership with The Numberz FM, Sneaker Week, Friends of Noise, Black & Gifted, Oregon Chinese Coalition, Pause Meditation, Portland State University’s Creative and Emergent Technology Institute (CETI), Portland Opera, Oregon Jewish Museum, Prosper Portland, Portland Revels, Artists Repertory Theatre, Bollywood Dreams Entertainment, PDX Undercover and many more talented Portland art and performance organizations. For more information on upcoming Welcome Dome performances and activities, visit <https://www.thesquarepdx.org/dome/>.

“The Welcome Dome is reinvigorating the energy Downtown. There has been music, food, drinks, dancing and even gardening,” said Dee Smith, Welcome Dome participant and community event organizer. “So many great organizations getting a well-deserved opportunity to host gatherings to increase the awareness of all the amazing things they are doing for the community. The Welcome Dome brings exposure to groups that may not otherwise be known.”

In addition to providing use of the dome to anchor these community event collaborations, The City of Portland’s Events Action Table has made grant funds available for local BIPOC artists or BIPOC-led organizations to provide additional underwriting for events and activations occurring in the Welcome Dome. For more information or to apply for Welcome Dome grant performance funds visit [thesquarepdx.org/dome/](https://www.thesquarepdx.org/dome/). You can follow the Square on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see these performances come to life throughout the spring.

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#### **About The City of Portland’s Events Action Table**

An initiative of the Mayor’s Office, the City of Portland’s Events Action Table makes Portland a hub of events and activities by engaging directly with arts, music, and events planning organizations. Meeting monthly on Zoom and open to all, this action table finds fun ways to empower event producers and activate spaces downtown and across the city.

#### **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. Typically hosting more than 300 programmed events each year, through a diverse range of public and private partnerships, Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. operates within a budget of \$2.2M composed of cash and in-kind donations.