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# Portland Summer Concert Series Kicks Off in The Square with Three Sold-Out Shows

Indigo Girls, Iron & Wine and Tenacious D opened PDX LIVE; tickets for Modest Mouse, The Roots, The Shins, Interpol, Father John Misty and more are on sale now for the Downtown Portland series.

**PORTLAND, Ore. – (June 21, 2022) –** <u>Pioneer Courthouse Square</u> (The Square) and True West, one of the leading independent concert promoters and event producers in the Pacific Northwest, launched its <u>PDX LIVE</u> concert series with three sold-out shows this past weekend. PDX LIVE opened with Indigo Girls, Iron & Wine and Tenacious D. Tickets are still available for Modest Mouse, The Roots, Interpol, The Shins, Spoon and others, as part of the 17 shows planned for the iconic downtown location known as Portland's Living Room.

More than 9,000 people took in the first three shows in Pioneer Courthouse Square and more than 50,000 concert-goers are expected to attend the concerts downtown, now through September 18.

All concerts will take place outdoors on the bricks at 701 SW 6th Avenue, bordered by Broadway, Yamhill, 6th Avenue, and Morrison in Downtown Portland. The venue will be fenced with multiple entrances. Bands play from a stage on the Square's northeast corner, across from <a href="The Nines">The Nines</a>, as the surrounding buildings glow from the dynamic concert lighting. Concert-goers can enjoy food and drinks from the <a href="Carts on the Square">Carts on the Square</a> and a satellite bar and beer trailer.

Prices for shows range from \$40 to \$60 with 3,000 tickets available for each performance.

This new concert series has been produced by the team from True West, known for programming the Aladdin Theater, Revolution Hall, Oregon Zoo and Woodland Park Zoo in recent years.



PHOTO CAPTION: Saturday night opener, Andrew Bird, performs to a sold-out crowd of more than 3000 in attendance at The Square in Downtown Portland. PDX LIVE, Portland's newest concert series, kicked off with three sold-out shows headlined by the Indigo Girls on Friday, Iron & Wine on Saturday, and Tenacious D on Sunday. Photo credit: Finn Turnbull, Music Festival Central.

"We started dreaming this up during the pandemic and it is a total rush to see it come to life with three sold-out shows on the first weekend," said Trevor Solomon, talent buyer at True West and former director of MusicfestNW when it was held at The Square. "There is clearly pent up excitement for attending live shows. This lineup is just what Downtown Portland needs and we are so excited to watch the reaction and participation."

The series was first announced in January and the number of confirmed shows has more than tripled since the beginning of the year.

#### Show schedule:

Friday, June 17 – Indigo Girls, Neko Case, *Sold Out*Saturday, June 18 – Andrew Bird, Iron & Wine with special guest Allison Russell, *Sold Out* 

Sunday, June 19 - Tenacious D with special guest Puddles Pity Party, Sold Out

Friday, July 15 – Blind Pilot, Cut Worms, tickets

Sun, July 17 – Old Crow Medicine Show, Hillstomp, tickets

**Friday, July 29** – George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, The Motet, Fishbone, Pimps of Joytime, <u>tickets</u>

Saturday, July 30 – The Roots, Deena Bee, tickets

Sunday, July 31 - Punch Brothers, Watchhouse featuring Sarah Jarosz, tickets

Friday, August 19 – Modest Mouse, tickets

Saturday, August 20 – Modest Mouse, tickets

Thursday, August 25 – Goose, tickets

Friday, August 26 - Shakey Graves, Jade Bird, tickets

**Saturday, August 27** – Father John Misty, Suki Waterhouse, <u>tickets</u>

Thursday, September 15 – The Shins, tickets

Friday, September 16 – The Shins, tickets

**Saturday, September 17** – Spoon, Interpol, The Goon Sax, <u>tickets</u>

Sunday, September 18 – Interpol, Spoon, The Goon Sax, tickets

"It is hard to beat live music outside on a summer evening in Downtown Portland. These upcoming shows bring people together and give The Square vibrancy," said Paul Andrews, president of Pioneer Courthouse Square's board. "We're grateful and excited for our collaboration with True West that makes these events possible. This summer concert series is a great showcase of the Square's mission to create positive energy in the center of our city."

Tickets are on sale now at <a href="mailto:pdx-live.com">pdx-live.com</a>.

## **ABOUT TRUE WEST:**

True West is one of the leading independent concert promoters and event producers in the Pacific Northwest, producing concerts at the Aladdin Theater, Revolution Hall, Oregon Zoo and Woodland Park Zoo, as well as many other venues and event spaces throughout the region.

### **ABOUT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE:**

Pioneer Courthouse Square is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure, through stewardship and strategic vision, that the Square remains the foundation of a healthy and thriving downtown. Home to more than 300 diverse events per year, The Square plans and executes some of Portland's most beloved traditions and offers the space as a living canvas for the community. The Square is where Portland comes together.

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