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### HOLIDAY EVENTS CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND AT THE SQUARE

*The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition and the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tuba Christmas Concert return*

**Portland, Oregon – (December 7, 2022)** – Pioneer Courthouse Square will bring back two beloved, family-friendly, holiday traditions this weekend in *Portland's Living Room*.



**Friday, December 9, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition**

More than a dozen local holiday caroling groups will meet up in The Square, then move out to locations along SW Yamhill and Morrison for the [The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition](#). The carolers will perform holiday favorites for Downtown visitors to enjoy. Event attendees can stop by The Square to pick up a map of each group's location, which will also be identified with caroling team signage. Some of this year's caroling

teams include Bridgetown Sound, PDX Voices, Northwest Harmony Chorus, and many more.

Each event attendee will receive tokens with which to vote for the winning caroling group. Voting tokens and caroling group location maps can be picked up at Pioneer Courthouse Square prior to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and during the event. The Dickens Carolers, local favorites, will judge each caroling group based on four categories: creativity, singing ability, street presence, and originality.

The Dickens Carolers will choose the top three singing groups of the night who will then perform onstage at Pioneer Courthouse Square at 7:15 p.m. for all to enjoy. Audience applause will decide first, second and third place winners, with first place being awarded the \$1,000 grand prize.



**Saturday, December 10, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.,  
Tuba Christmas**

Downtown will pulse with the big brass sound of nearly 300 tubas playing in unison for the [29<sup>th</sup> Annual Tuba Christmas Concert presented by SmartPark](#). This beloved annual tradition is free for the public to enjoy. It brings together tuba, euphonium, and baritone horn musicians one day each year to perform joyous holiday classics.

For the first time, [Oregon State University Foundation](#) joins Tuba Christmas to underwrite registration fees for all Tuba players participating in the event, making it free for players to register and participate in this adored annual tradition. Members of Oregon State University's marching band have participated in Tuba Christmas for decades, playing a significant role in the music program's growth and long-term success.

"The Oregon State University Foundation is pleased to partner with Pioneer Courthouse Square on this celebration of the arts, which brings together talented Beavers and community members, right outside the OSU Portland Center located in the historic Meier and Frank building," said Shawn L. Scoville, president and CEO of the Oregon State University Foundation. "This event is particularly joyous for us because Portland is home to the largest community of OSU alumni - more than 57,000 - as well as many of our donors, industry partners, parents and friends. Plus, it's just in our DNA at OSU to partner with organizations in support of our community. We encourage everyone to join us for this celebration.

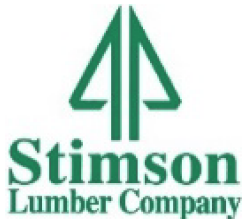
For further details on [The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition](#), [Tuba Christmas Concert](#), and all the free [community events](#) held at The Square and throughout Downtown

this holiday season, visit us at [thesquarePDX.org](https://thesquarePDX.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

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### **About Pioneer Courthouse Square**

Pioneer Courthouse Square is where Portland comes together. Through stewardship and strategic vision, the nonprofit ensures that The Square remains the foundation of a diverse and thriving downtown, and in turn a better Portland. With more than 300 events per year, The Square is home to many of Portland's favorite community traditions including concerts, festivals of food and drink, and cultural celebrations. Through a variety of public and private partnerships, Pioneer Courthouse Square operates within a budget of \$2.2M composed of cash and in-kind donations.

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