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FREE SUMMER EVENTS KICK OFF AT THE SQUARE

Portland, Ore. — (June 1, 2023) — Pioneer Courthouse Square (The Square), the place where Portland comes together, kicks off the summer season downtown with an array of programming for residents, tourists, and workers. Starting June 6, Portland will have access to free weekly events aimed at wellness, culture, and community building. Opened in 1984 through a citizen-led effort, The Square has a history of holding more than 300 events per year. From music to art to cultural celebrations, the summer events continue The Square's mission of remaining a foundation of a diverse and thriving downtown.

EVENTS COMING TO THE SQUARE

[Noon Tunes Summer Concert Series presented by 101.9 Kink](#): Downtown Portland's longest running concert series, Noon Tunes, returns for its 31st year at The Square. In partnership with KINK K101.9, talented local musicians will perform live on Tuesdays over the noon hour. With seven free concerts, dancing, and some of Portland's favorite food vendors at Carts on The Square, Portland's Living Room is sure to be downtown's summer lunchtime destination.

June 6, [The El Kays](#)

June 13, [The AM \(Acoustic Minds\)](#)

June 20, [Veteran Cosmic Rockers](#)

June 27, [Boka Marimba](#)

July 11, [JT Wise Band](#)

July 18, [John Nilsen & Swimfish](#)

July 25, [Katalysst](#)

[Wellness Wednesdays](#): The Wellness Wednesdays series is back with a variety of wellness-based activities each Wednesday from 12:30-1:00 p.m. In partnership with Pause Studio, free wellness offerings include a mix of guided meditation, gentle seated yoga, qigong, mindful movement, and more. Pause, relax, recharge, and enjoy!

June 7, Guided Meditation

June 14, Gentle Chair Yoga

June 21, Guided Meditation

June 28, Qigong

July 5, Chair Yoga

July 12, Guided Meditation

July 19, Guided Meditation

July 26, Mindful Movement +
Meditation

[Free Art In The Park with Larry Yes](#): Portland creative Larry Yes will pop up on Thursdays this summer in The Square, bringing his free Art in The Park program to the community. Kids, adults, neighbors, and friends are invited to enjoy painting, fun, connection, and music. Art materials provided while supplies last. **(June 8- July 27)**

[Portland Opera a la Cart](#): The Square is pleased to partner once again with the Portland Opera to bring Opera a la Cart live performances back this summer on select Thursdays over the lunch hour on. Inspired by Portland's food cart culture, Opera a la Cart is a mobile performance venue that serves up local artists singing live opera to the community. **(July 6, and 20 / August 3, 17, and 31)**

[Flicks on the Bricks Presented by SmartPark](#): Portland's free outdoor movie series returns to Portland's Living Room this summer. During the three-day event, The Square will be transformed into Portland's largest outdoor movie theater for all community members to appreciate. All movies will be shown on a large LED screen, which will expand daytime movie offerings for children and adults and increase clarity in evening hours.

This year, The Square has added a limited section of theater-style seating for viewers to use. In keeping with The Flicks on the Bricks tradition, The Square continues to welcome movie viewers to bring their own low-back chairs, blankets, pillows, cushions, or bean bags to truly make The Square their "Living Room" during each movie. Admission is free and all seating occupancy will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Friday, July 21

2:00 pm Bend It Like Beckham
6:00 pm To be Announced
Community Viewing Party

Sunday, July 23

12:00 pm Space Jam: A New Legacy
2:30 pm Happy Gilmore
5:00 pm Free Solo

Saturday, July 22

12:00 pm The Sandlot
2:30 pm Bring It On
5:00 pm Creed
7:30 pm Talladega Nights
9:30 pm Friday Night Lights (the movie)

2023 Chinese Festival

Join the Oregon Chinese Coalition for the 2023 Chinese Festival in The Square on August 5. Celebrate Chinese American culture and enjoy nonstop entertainment, delicious Chinese food, authentic arts, and crafts, and much more. (August 5)

India Festival 2023

India Festival brings India to The Square on August 6. This festival is a celebration of India's Independence Day with live music, dance, food, and other entertainment. India Festival is hosted by the India Cultural Association, a nonprofit dedicated to enhancing Indian cultural awareness. (August 6)

For updated information on all events happening this summer at The Square, visit thesquarepdx.org and follow on Instagram [@thesquarepdx](https://www.instagram.com/thesquarepdx).

Sponsors of Summer at The Square

These events are made possible by support from these community sponsors [SmartPark](#), [101.9 Kink](#), [The Oregonian | OregonLive](#) and [KGW](#).

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.