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## **FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS RETURNS TO PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

***oFISHially GORGEous designed by WALKER MACY***



**PORTLAND, OR – (May 1, 2018)** – In partnership with Portland’s own [Walker Macy](#), Pioneer Courthouse Square is pleased to announce the return of the [33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Flowers](#) in Portland’s Living Room. This year’s design, ***oFISHially GORGEous*** comprised of nearly 20,000 flowers, ornamental grass and Douglas fir seedlings, will bring elements of the Columbia River Gorge into the city and encourage visitors to become immersed in this unique Oregon landscape. The floral design aims to raise awareness for conservation of Oregon’s natural landscapes and the responsibility upon us all to protect these natural assets. The single Douglas Fir tree in this year’s design represents the devastation of forest fires and the resiliency of the landscape to regenerate.

From June 1 – 12, visitors are invited to meander through the Gorge landscape or sit and watch the Salmon on the large amphitheater stairs migrate up river. Pathways are located to allow visitors to stroll through the path of the river or traverse the Gorge itself. In addition to the vibrant floral display, Pioneer Courthouse Square has partnered with [Friends of the Columbia Gorge](#) to provide educational programming and outreach about the Gorge throughout the festival. Friends of the Columbia Gorge works to ensure the beautiful and wild Columbia Gorge remains an unspoiled treasure for coming generations.

The beauty of *oFISHially GORGEous* will continue along the downtown transit mall in partnership with **Portland Mall Management, Inc.**, with a series of floral designs at Sixth + Main (SW 5th & Salmon) and **US Bancorp Tower (SW 6<sup>th</sup> & Oak)**.

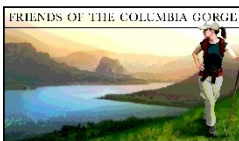
Upon completion of the Festival of Flowers installation at the Square, all plant material used in the design will be offered for **sale to the public at the annual flower sale beginning at 8:00am on June 13<sup>th</sup>**. Visitors will be able to choose from a wide variety of plants including Impatiens, Marigolds, Coleus, Lobelia, Ornamental Grasses and more!

For **further details** on Festival of Flowers and all of the other community events held at Pioneer Courthouse Square, be sure to visit [www.thesquarepdx.org](http://www.thesquarepdx.org) and follow us [@thesquarepdx](https://twitter.com/thesquarepdx).

*The 2018 Festival of Flowers designed by:*



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**About Pioneer Courthouse Square**

*Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to manage Downtown's central public space, Pioneer Courthouse Square, to achieve an active and healthy downtown core. Hosting more than 300 programmed events each year, 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.*