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## **FUN, FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS NEXT WEEKEND WITH THE GREAT FIGGY PUDDING CAROLING COMPETITION AND THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**



**PORTLAND, OR—(November 29, 2018)—** Pioneer Courthouse Square is pleased to announce two fun and family-friendly musical holiday events occurring next weekend in our City’s Living Room.

**On Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Pioneer Courthouse Square in partnership with Portland Mall Management, Inc. will present [The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition](#).** Nearly a dozen participating community caroling groups will meet in the Square and then move to positions along the Portland transit mall on SW 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, Yamhill, and Morrison, **to sing joyfully for visitor’s Downtown from 6:00pm-7:00pm.** Event attendees can **pick up a map at the Square that identifies where each caroling group is located** nearby. Event attendees will also receive **FREE tokens** to vote for the ‘people’s choice’ caroling group. Throughout the evening Portland’s classic caroling group [The Dickens Carolers](#) will judge each group based upon each **group’s creativity, singing ability, street presence and originality.** The Dickens Carolers will then identify the top three singing groups, who will have a **“carol-off” on stage at Pioneer Courthouse Square at 7:15pm.** Audience applause will determine the First, Second and Third place winners with a **\$1,000 grand prize for first place!**

On the following day, Saturday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30PM-3:00PM**, downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass as **over 275 tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square** for the beloved annual [Tuba Christmas Concert presented by SmartPark](#). This annual ‘must see’ holiday performance is also **FREE** for the public to enjoy and is conducted and curated by retired Oregon Music Educator Chuck Bolton.

**Tuba Christmas is a compilation of tuba, euphonium and baritone horn musicians** who all come together on one special day a year to play the joyous sounds of the season. **Interested tuba, euphonium or baritone players can perform** in this cherished seasonal event. **To register to play an instrument** in this year’s Tuba Christmas Concert at Pioneer Courthouse Square please visit [thesquarePDX.org](#) or call 503.223.1613. Prizes will be awarded to those who pre-register, have the best decorated tubas, best costume, and to the school with the most participants!

**Participating musicians may also register in person on the day of the event** prior to the performance’s only rehearsal held at [Hoffmann Hall](#) at Portland State University, at 1833 SW 11<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 10:00am. **The fee to register to participate is \$10.00** and includes a commemorative 2018 Tuba Christmas button. **Official Tuba Christmas hats, scarves, headbands and music books** are also available for purchase in advance, at registration/rehearsal and at the Tuba Christmas **performance held at the Square held between 1:30pm – 3:00pm.**

**For further details on the The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition, Tuba Christmas Concert and all the FREE community events held at Pioneer Courthouse Square, near the Square and throughout Downtown this holiday season be sure to visit [thesquarePDX.org](#) or follow us [@thesquarePDX](#).**

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*Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. is an award-winning non-profit organization whose mission is to manage Downtown’s central public gathering space, lovingly known as Portland’s Living Room, to achieve an active and healthy downtown core. Hosting more than 300 programmed events each year, Pioneer Courthouse Square operates within an annual budget of \$2.2M composed of cash and in-kind donations.*