



## MEDIA ALERT & CALENDAR LISTING

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### PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE CELEBRATES ITS 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH FULL SLATE OF SUMMER EVENTS

Portland, Ore. — (May 28, 2024) — Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, Pioneer Courthouse Square (The Square) is pleased to announce an array of diverse and creative programming for downtown. Starting June 4, The Square will provide access to events anchored in the arts, culture and community building.

[Free Art In The Park with Larry Yes:](#) Local creative and positivity artist Larry Yes will pop up on Tuesday AND Thursdays over the noon hour this summer in The Square, bringing his free Art in The Park program to the community. Art materials are provided at no charge while supplies last. **(June 4 - July 30)**

[Noon Tunes Summer Concert Series presented by 101.9 Kink & Hilton Portland:](#) Downtown Portland's longest running lunchtime concert series, Noon Tunes, returns for its 32<sup>nd</sup> year at The Square with live music on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** over the noon hour. **(June 4 - July 30)**

**June 4,** Ben Rice

**June 6,** Kendall Lujan

**June 11,** Johnny Franco and his Real Brother Dom

**June 13,** Crooked Corner Band

**June 18,** JoAnna Lee

**June 20,** Laryssa Birdseye

**June 25,** Ty Curtis Band

**June 27,** Katelyn Convery

**July 2,** Sasa Fox

**July 9,** Tara Velarde

**July 11,** John Thayer and Friends

**July 16,** Eric John Kaiser

**July 18,** Rosebolt

**July 23,** Beth Willis

**July 25,** Castletown

**July 30,** Tracy Klas and Jeff Carrell Duo

[Reggae Mix Plate](#): Mix Plate returns for a celebration of Pacific Islander music and culture! This year the dance competition has been expanded to include 14 school groups from Oregon and Washington presenting traditional and contemporary dance from 7 different islands.

To top it all off, Mix Plate 2024 will have the best Islander food vendors from the region, a full 21+ only bar and beer garden, as well as craft & clothing vendors and much more! **(June 29)**

**NEW:** [Street Bazaar at The Square](#) This year The Square is partnering with House of Commons to bring Street Bazaar Downtown this summer. The Square will be filled with bold flavors, bright colors and the vibrant energy of Portland's food, drink, art and music scene together, on three summer evenings. Join us for a festive night out with friends and neighbors. **(June 27, July 18 and August 29 | 5pm – 9pm)**

[Portland Opera a la Cart](#): The Square is pleased to welcome the Portland Opera back to The Square with bring Opera a la Cart live performances on select Wednesdays over the lunch hour. **(June 26, July 10 and 24)**

[40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Portland Festival Symphony](#): Celebrate The Square's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with cake and a free community music event featuring Portland Festival Symphony with special guests 3-Leg Torso and Michael Allen Harrison. The party will begin with a musical presentation by the



Albina Music Trust performing with gospel, jazz and blues ensembles.

At this celebration event, the Hilton Portland Downtown will present a cake, like the one that was featured during The Square's grand opening in 1984.

Free cupcakes will be enjoyed as the community unites to sing happy birthday and celebrate this significant milestone event for Downtown. (July 20, 2024 | 4pm – 8pm)

**NEW: Sneaker Week 2024:** For the first time, Sneaker Week PDX will be taking over The Square and bringing a week-long celebration of all things sneakers. Sneaker Week is about more than just sneakers. It's about building a more equitable and diverse industry, where fans and brands can come together to shape the future. (July 26 – 28)

### **2024 Chinese Festival**

Join the Oregon Chinese Coalition for the 2024 Chinese Festival in The Square! Featuring nonstop entertainment, delicious Chinese food, authentic arts, crafts, and much more. (August 3)

**2024 Pan African Festival:** The Pan African Festival will celebrate the presence, resilience, strength, and influence of Pan Africans in Oregon. Enjoy live music, dance, food and entertainment, health education, career awareness, financial literacy, and more. (August 24)

Since its grand opening in 1984 The Square has maintained a vibrant history of holding hundreds of community events each year. These events serve to bring our community together and have attracted millions of people to the heart of our city. This summer continues that cherished tradition with community events both familiar and brand new.

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

Summer at the Square *programming is made possible by support from these community sponsors:* [SmartPark](#), [Hilton Portland Downtown](#), [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.