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THE SQUARE BRINGS DOWNTOWN TO LIFE WITH LIVE MUSIC, ART AND CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS ALL SUMMER LONG

Pioneer Courthouse Square announces its 2026 Summer at The Square programming lineup

Portland, Ore. (May 6, 2026) - Pioneer Courthouse Square is excited to announce the return of Summer at The Square, a season-long celebration of arts, culture, music, and community in the heart of Downtown Portland. Beginning June 2nd, Portland's Living Room® will come alive with a diverse lineup of events designed to foster connection and celebrate the city's vibrant artistic energy. Supported through community donations, corporate sponsorship and collaborative partnerships, The Square is proud to bring Portland together for a summer of fun Downtown.

[Free Art In The Park](#): (June 2 - July 30) On Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30am - 1:30pm, Free Art in the Park brings artmaking classes led by Portland creative and positivity advocate, Larry Yes. More than a hands-on artmaking experience, this free all-ages program fosters creativity, self-expression, and community engagement. All supplies are provided free of charge while materials last.

[Noon Tunes Summer Concert Series](#): (June 2- July 30) Celebrating its 34th season, Noon Tunes continues its long-standing tradition of transforming the lunch hour into a live music experience in the center of Downtown Portland. Featuring an exciting lineup of local favorites, emerging artists, and

genre-spanning performances, Noon Tunes offers the perfect midday soundtrack for neighboring downtown workers and visitors alike to enjoy lunch from the Carts on The Square or simply soak in the energy of the city.

This summer's Noon Tunes line-up includes:

June 2 Johnny Franco and His Real
Brother Dom (Brazilian rock duo)
June 4 Tanner Cundy Band (folk-pop)
June 9 Beth Willis (bluesy-folk)
June 11 Hannah Glavor (indie pop)
June 16 Reisender (upbeat indie-pop)
June 18 Kyle Glenn & The Wandering
Kind (folk)
June 23 Eric John Kaiser (Parisian
Americana)
June 25 Burnt Citrus (indie rock)
June 30 Alisa Stewart (funky blues)

July 2 LINOY (indie-pop)
July 7 JT Wise Band (Blues)
July 9 Mitch and The Melody Makers
(rock & roll)
July 14 Sherbert Tone (jangle pop)
July 16 Rose Gerber (alt-country)
July 21 Acoustic Minds (dance-pop)
July 23 Castletown Band (AmeriCeltic)
July 28 Fox and Bones (folk-rock)
July 30 John Thayer Music (pop-rock)

[True West & The Square Present PDX-LIVE](#) (August 4-20) This August, PDX-Live returns to for a fifth consecutive year. The series kicks off August 4 with iconic singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco, and closes with acclaimed rapper Vince Staples, bringing one of the most eclectic lineups in the event's history to the heart of the city.

August 4 [Ani DiFranco with Valerie June](#)

August 6 [Muna](#)

August 7 [Suki Waterhouse w/ Charlotte Lawrence](#)

August 8 [The Hold Steady \(performing 'Boys and Girls in America'\) + The Mountain Goats](#)

August 9 [Modest Mouse w/ Mike Watt + The Missingmen](#)

August 10 [Tomahawk with The Melvins](#)

August 12 [Jesse Welles w/ Ratboys](#)

August 13 [Joe Russo's Almost Dead](#)

August 14 [Sugar with J. Robbins](#)

August 15 [Beach Bunny & The Beths: US Tour 2026](#)

August 16 [Acid Bath with Yob, Shawn James & Lacabre](#)

August 18 [The Breeders with Team Dresch](#)

August 19 [Courtney Barnett with Built To Spill & Zoh Amba](#)

August 20 [Vince Staples](#)

2026 Chinese Festival: (August 1) Hosted by the Oregon Chinese Coalition, the annual Chinese Festival returns for a vibrant day celebrating Chinese American culture and community. Festival attendees can enjoy live performances, traditional and contemporary music and dance, authentic cuisine, arts and crafts vendors, cultural demonstrations, and family-friendly activities throughout the day.

India Festival 2026: (August 23) Presented by the India Cultural Association, the India Festival returns with an energetic celebration honoring India's Independence. Guests are invited to experience a colorful showcase of traditional and contemporary dance, live music, regional cuisine, cultural exhibitions, and family-friendly entertainment that brings the spirit and diversity of India to The Square.

2026 Pan African Festival: (August 28-29) The Pan African Festival brings two dynamic days of culture, celebration, and community. This family-friendly event will feature live music, dancing, cultural performances, food, and community engagement activities.

Fil-Am Festival: (September 12) Join the Filipino American Northwest Association for a vibrant celebration of Filipino culture, community and heritage. Enjoy authentic cuisine, live music, traditional and contemporary performances, and family-friendly activities that honor the rich traditions and enduring spirit of the Filipino community.

For updated information on these events and many other events occurring at The Square this summer, including [In Concert on Downtown's Transit Mall](#), [The Active Wipeout!](#) and [Zumiez More Than Rolling Tour](#), visit 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 and partners:* [NW Natural](#), [101.9 Kink](#), 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.