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PORTLAND MALL MANAGEMENT INC. BRINGS A COMMUNITY CAROLING COMPETITION TO PORTLAND'S TRANSIT MALL!



PORTLAND, OR - (December 3, 2014) Next **Friday, December 12th** Portland Mall Management, Inc. is bringing a caroling competition to the heart of downtown!

[The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition](#) is a fun and festive event that will bring caroling groups of all ages to the heart of downtown. Originally held throughout Downtown in the early 90s, Pioneer Courthouse Square and Portland Mall Management, Inc. are excited to resurrect this free and fun caroling event! The name comes from the old English Carol that begins "we wish you a Merry Christmas" and in a later verse, carolers demand a reward for their singing "go bring us some figgy pudding!"

This FREE caroling competition will be held on **Friday, December 12, 2014, rain or shine from 6:00pm - 7:30pm**. After grabbing a free cup of warm hot cocoa in Pioneer Courthouse Square, nearly 15 caroling

groups including the **Pacific Youth Choir, Girl Scouts of Vancouver and IKEA Portland** will spread holiday cheer **along SW Yamhill & Morrison Streets**. Each caroling group, composed of students, men’s and women’s choirs and even a gaggle of Pirates, will sing their favorite holiday carols to shoppers and visitors in Downtown. After an hour of caroling, the competition will gather in *Portland’s Living Room* for a sing off hosted by KGW’s Drew Carney! The Dickens Carolers, an a cappella group dressed in traditional old English costumes, will select the top three groups who will perform one final song on the Pioneer Courthouse Square stage. The group with the most applause will be crowned The Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition winner and will **receive the grand prize of \$1,000!**

More upcoming **FREE** events this holiday season, made possible by Portland Mall Management Inc., include live music on SW Morrison & Yamhill streets. Enjoy the following holiday events in the heart of downtown on select dates:

Fri-12/5 Moondrops Roasted Nuts Giveaway 12:00pm - 1:00pm at SW 5th & 6th Aves	Th-12/11 Gingerbread Cookie Giveaway 12:00pm - 1:00pm at SW 6th & Jefferson	Th-12/11 Duo Con Brio 5:00pm - 6:00pm at SW Yamhill
Sun-12/14 The Portland Timbre 12:00pm - 1:00pm at SW 5th & Morrison	Sun-12/14 The Fireside Carolers 1:00pm - 2:00pm at SW 5th & 6th Aves	Th-12/18 Hot Chocolate Giveaway 12:00pm -1:00pm at SW Morrison
Th-12/18 Without Apology 5:00pm - 6:00pm at SW 5th & Morrison	Fri- 12/19 Moondrops Roasted Nuts Giveaway 12:00pm - 1:00pm at SW 5th & 6th Aves	Fri-12/19 The Original Photobooth 5:00pm - 6:00pm at SW 5th & Taylor
Sat-12/20 Dickens Carolers 12:00pm - 1:00pm at SW Yamhill & SW Morrison	Sun-12/21 Dickens Carolers 12:00pm - 1:00pm at SW Yamhill & SW Morrison	

For more details on all of the **FREE** events and activities held on Downtown’s Transit Mall, please visit www.portlandmall.org or follow PMMI on Twitter @PMMIpdx

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About Portland Mall Management, Inc.

Portland Mall Management, Inc. (PMMI) is a 501(c)(3) public-benefit corporation responsible for daily cleaning services and enhanced security along the light rail streets in the central downtown area. PMMI provides maintenance of the physical infrastructure along the Portland Mall. For more information about the services and free programming Portland Mall Management, Inc. provides to the downtown core, please visit their website at www.portlandmall.org.