

Arts & Culture

Pink Martini's NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Ring in the New Year with Portland darlings Pink Martini! Featuring the signature confection of jazz, classical, and pop that your hometown "little orchestra" has been cooking up across its globe-trotting career, this is the most festive way to celebrate a very Oregon New Year.

12/30 & 12/31 @ 7:30pm



GEORGE BALANCHINE'S
The Nutcracker

A sparkling winter tale set to Tchaikovsky's festive score. When Marie's mysterious godfather gives her a magical Nutcracker that comes to life, Marie and her Nutcracker Prince set off on an unforgettable Christmas Eve adventure to the Land of Sweets.

12/05-12/24

Cirque Nutcracker BY OREGON SYMPHONY

Troupe Vertigo joins the Oregon Symphony for a festive and family-friendly concert that will have you and yours jumping for joy!

11/29 @ 7:30pm
11/30 @ 2pm



Insider Tip:
Holiday shows sell out—book early!

2025 MIDWINTER REVELS: *Highland Hearth*

When Glasgow officials tell a group of Highlanders they are no longer allowed to celebrate Yule, the community must decide if they are willing to give up on their traditions. Perhaps the children – and a few magical Brownies – have the answer!

12/12-12/21

Elf in Concert WITH THE OREGON SYMPHONY

Nobody spreads Christmas cheer quite like Buddy the Elf! This holiday season, relive this heartwarming holiday classic on a giant screen as every note of John Debney's wonderful score is played live to picture in Elf in Concert!

12/20-12/21

PDX Pop-Ups & Shopping Guide

OPEN LATE
12/22
& 12/23!



Celebrate 16 Years of PDX Pop-Up Shops!

The holidays are here — and so are the PDX Pop-Up Shops! Now in their 16th season, these beloved pop-ups transform empty downtown storefronts into vibrant shopping destinations featuring Portland's most creative makers, designers, and entrepreneurs.

This year's lineup is packed with unique finds and festive experiences, from handmade gifts and fashion to tasty treats, art, and interactive installations. Whether you're shopping for the perfect present, picking up something special for yourself, or just soaking up the holiday spirit, the PDX Pop-Ups are a must-visit part of your downtown adventure.

Make a day of it! Pair your shopping trip with a stroll under the sparkling street tree lights, enjoy one of downtown's great restaurants or cafés, or catch a show. The PDX Pop-Ups are your starting point for everything happening downtown this holiday season.

The PDX Pop-Up Shops program is brought to you by Downtown Portland Clean & Safe, supporting local businesses and bringing holiday cheer to the heart of the city.

SHOP SMALL DOWNTOWN

Downtown is bursting with small, locally owned businesses, including many who got their start in the beloved PDX Pop-Up Shops program. This holiday season, explore our map of Pop-Up alumni and check online for this year's new Pop-Up locations, where a fresh group of makers and creators are ready to welcome you downtown.



Find More Information at
DowntownForTheHolidays.org



BENTLEY FLEURS



SINISTER COFFEE



WEE SOCK SHOP

Holiday Events



Nordstrom's Downtown Photos with Santa 12/13, 12/14, 12/20, 12/21

Get ready to capture the joy of the season — Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's bringing plenty of cheer (and maybe a few candy canes)! Bring the whole family for a magical photo moment with the big guy in red.

Nordstrom's In-Store Menorah Lighting 12/14-12/22

Celebrate Hanukkah with us as we light the menorah each night of the Festival of Lights!



Black Santa 11/28-12/22

A local Portland tradition and a wonderful time to build community during the holiday season.



The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show 12/22

Award-winning comedy icons, writers, actors, and drag queen powerhouses BenDeLaCrene & Jinx Monsoon are coming back to town with the wildly successful, internationally acclaimed, "The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show."

Heathman Holiday Tea 11/28



Heathman Hotel will be offering 3 Tea Services on each Friday-Sunday starting at 11:00-12:30 pm, 1:00pm-2:30 pm, and final seating from 3pm-4:30 pm.

Crafty Wonderland 12/12-12/14

Crafty Wonderland is now the city's biggest arts and crafts market, drawing hundreds of vendors and tens of thousands of visitors to the (nice and dry) Oregon Convention Center in Northeast Portland.

Snow Day Village & Director Park

NOVEMBER 21 –
DECEMBER 24



Snow Day Village

Join us for timed snow falls, firepits, and festive activations from the Downtown Portland Clean & Safe Team and from Mike Bennett!



Mike Bennett's Holiday Gift Shop

Explore the magical world of local artist Mike Bennett with his Holiday Gift shop located in Director Park.



Las Posadas Navideñas

Posadas Navideñas are a traditional Mexican celebration. Please join for singing, and festive gatherings with food, music, and piñatas.



Letters to Santa

Drop off your letter to Santa, and if received prior to 12/17 get a reply back prior to the holidays



PLACES

1. Pioneer Place
2. Portland Art Museum
3. Portland's Center for the Arts
4. Powell's Bookstore
5. Restroom

MAX STATIONS

6. Pioneer Place/SW 5th Ave
7. Library/SW 9th Ave
8. Union/ NW 5th & Glisan

SHOPS

9. Luxury Shopping (Apple, Gucci, Nike, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany, and more)
10. Crafty Wonderland
11. Bridge & Burn
12. Amity Artisan Goods
13. Bentley Fleurs
14. Sinister Coffee
15. The Pickle Jar

Pioneer Courthouse Square



47th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

11/28 @ 5:30pm
A joyful community sing-along led by Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini with local artists and chorale singers, culminating in Santa lighting nearly 10,000 colorful holiday lights downtown.



34th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert

12/13 @ 1:30pm
Nearly 300 tubas from across Oregon fill the Square with festive brass and sing-along cheer in one of the nation's largest—and free—holiday performances.



Stimson Lumber Tree Arrival

11/12
Kick off the holiday season as Portland's 75ft Douglas-fir arrives at the Square, with Santa, free hot chocolate, and festive fun.

Portland Holiday Brew Fest

Dec 5th @ 5:30–9pm
Dec 6th @ Noon–9pm

Enjoy 30+ holiday beers, ciders, food, and live music at this multi-day downtown festival under the sparkling Tree lights in heated tents.

77th Annual Great Figgy Pudding Caroling Competition

12/12 @ 6pm
Hosted by KGW's Drew Carney, this free competition brings hundreds of carolers downtown, with performances outside shops and a lively "carol-off" finale at The Square.

Portland's Public Menorah at The Square

12/14–12/21
First night celebration 12/14 @ 4pm

Celebrate Hanukkah with Chabad of Oregon at the annual Public Menorah lighting, featuring live music, traditional foods, dignitaries, and family festivities.

New Year's Eve Drone Show

12/31

Ring in 2025 at The Square with two dazzling drone shows, a massive video dance party, food, drinks, and a free community celebration in the heart of downtown.

Getting here:

TriMet, parking garages, bike access



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Cheese Puffs (Gougères)

by Heathman Hotels

INGREDIENTS:

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| — ½ Cup Water | — ½ Cup Butter | — ¼ Tsp Pepper | — 4–5 Eggs |
| — ½ Cup Milk | — ½ Tsp Salt | — 1 Cup Flour | — 1 Cup Gruyère or Cheddar |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a medium to large pot, add: Water, Milk, Butter, Salt & Pepper
2. Bring to a boil.
3. Once boiling, add flour and mix using a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until fully combined.
4. Reduce heat to medium. Stir constantly for about 3 minutes until a thin crust (cracker) forms on the bottom of the pan.
5. Transfer the dough to a stand mixer with a paddle attachment.
6. Let it cool slightly (1–2 minutes), then add eggs one at a time:
 - The mixture may look like it's breaking, but it will come back together.
 - Ensure it's smooth before adding the next egg.
7. Once all eggs are incorporated, add cheese and mix until combined.
8. Pipe the dough into 1-inch circles on a baking sheet.
9. Bake at 350°F (convection) for 20–40 minutes, until golden and puffed.

Don't forget to visit the Heathman for Holiday Tea on 11/28!
Find more details on the Holiday Events page.



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