

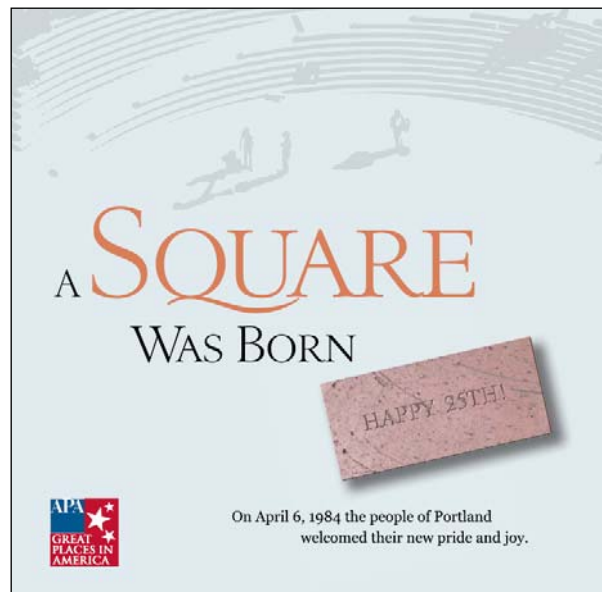
# PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

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## “Portland’s Living Room” Celebrates 25 Years!

**PORTLAND, OR - (April 2, 2009) – This Monday**, April 6th Pioneer Courthouse Square will welcome Portlanders downtown to celebrate the **Square’s 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday** with **FREE cake, gifts and prizes!**



Monday’s celebration will **kick off at Noon** with a giant birthday cake, provided by **the bakery at the Portland Hilton & Executive Tower**. The Portland Hilton

baked the cake for the Square's dedication in 1984 and will once again be baking 'the cake' for the Square's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday which **will serve up to 2,500 people**.

Throughout Monday's festivities copies of **original vintage** Pioneer Courthouse Square posters from the Square's Grand Opening in 1984 will be distributed for **FREE to the first 1,000 attendees** and 250 of the wrapped posters will contain certificates for the redemption of free prizes.

Monday will also be the debut of KGW Newschannel 8's televised special **"Portland's Living Room" in the Theater on the Square**. This half-hour special, hosted by KGW's Russ Lewis and Brenda Braxton, highlights the fascinating **history of Pioneer Courthouse Square**. "Portland's Living Room" will be shown regularly in the Theater on the Square, adjacent to the Visitor Information Center, Monday – Saturday every half hour between 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

Throughout the month of April, Pioneer Courthouse Square will also be hosting the Portland Spaces' exhibit, ***Pioneering the Square***. This comprehensive exhibit, curated by Portland Spaces' Editor-in-Chief Randy Gragg, examines more than a quarter century of the dreams, competitions and collaborations that led to the creation of "Portland's Living Room", Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Pioneer Courthouse Square currently has **more than 150 free programmed events** scheduled for the coming year. For a full list of these activities, to learn

more about the Square's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or to purchase a commemorative personalized Brick please visit [www.pcspdx.org](http://www.pcspdx.org) throughout the coming year.



## Pioneer Courthouse Square

A 2008 Great American Public Space

### **About Pioneer Courthouse Square**

*Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to manage and program Downtown's central public space, Pioneer Courthouse Square, to achieve an active and healthy downtown core. This goal is achieved through a wide range of public and private partnerships. Pioneer Courthouse Square's annual operating budget is currently \$2.2M composed of cash and in-kind donations.*

