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## M E D I A R E L E A S E

### Twist Your Giving: A PCS Holiday Bazaar on December 7

#### Featuring Local Artisan Gifts, Live Music, and a Holiday Drama Photo Booth



November 13, 2014 – PORTLAND, OR., Portland Center Stage invites the public to attend **Twist Your Giving: A PCS Holiday Bazaar** on Sunday, December 7 from 12 to 5 p.m at the Gerding Theater at the Armory. PCS-affiliated artisans will be on hand to sell handmade crafts and goods on the Mezzanine throughout the day. Visitors will also enjoy hosted coffee, hot cocoa and cookies, live

holiday music and a festive photo booth. Entry is free. The Armory Café will also be open throughout the event, offering guests a full food menu, espresso and adult beverages for purchase.

#### PCS-AFFILIATED ARTISANS

PCS has invited its crafty friends to set up shop in the Mezzanine Lobby. Visitors can peruse cutting boards, ornaments and other Christmas kitsch gifts created by **PCS's properties artists**; knitwear from actress **Sharonlee McLean's Garboge Knits** line; jewelry by **Cat Paw Artifacts**; silk screened t-shirts, woodblocks, prints and cards by **Cloud City Design LLC**; felt stockings from **Phyllis Wonderland**; sweet treats from **Willamette Valley Confectionery** and much more.





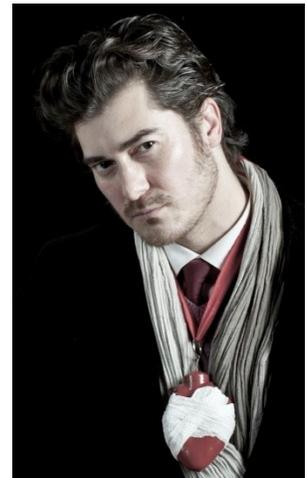
### #HOLIDAYDRAMA PHOTO BOOTH

Visitors should don their gay apparel and get ready for their close ups. A theatrical photo booth will be on site to put people's acting skills to the test. Adventurous participants will be challenged to act out scenes of classic holiday drama. They might even be asked to reenact a few scenes inspired by the misdeeds submitted from audience

members during last season's performance of *The Second City's A Christmas Carol: Twist Your Dickens* (photo: 2013 cast of *Twist Your Dickens*).

### LIVE MUSIC TO LIFT THE SPIRIT

Local musicians will be on hand to perform holiday-inspired tunes throughout the day. Featured artists include singer Don Mason (recently in *Dreamgirls* at PCS), pianist Eric Nordin, Latin American folk musician Joaquin Lopez (pictured) and the Cleveland Daires Choir from Cleveland High School.



### GIVE BACK AT TWIST YOUR GIVING

PCS is proud to host two opportunities to give back during Twist Your Giving. Visitors are invited to spread the holiday joy by participating in the **p:ear Giving Tree** that supports Portland's homeless and transitional youth, and the **KGW Toy Drive** that supports less fortunate families throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. Bring unwrapped gifts to the Gerding Theater at the Armory or pick up an ornament from the p:ear Giving Tree while onsite to inspire a future gift.

**Accessibility:** PCS is committed to making our performances and facilities accessible to all of our patrons. Learn more at <http://www.pcs.org/access/>.

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[Portland Center Stage](#) inspires our community by bringing stories to life in unexpected ways. Founded in 1988, PCS is the city's leading professional theater and one of the top 20 largest regional theater companies in the U.S. PCS attracts more than 150,000 theatergoers annually with its blend of classical, contemporary and premiere works, along with its summer playwrights festival, JAW. PCS also offers a variety of education and community programs tailored for patrons of all ages.

[The Gerding Theater at the Armory](#) houses the 590-seat U.S. Bank Main Stage and the 190-seat black box Ellyn Bye Studio. It was the first building on the National Register of Historic Places – and the first performing arts venue – to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification. The Gerding Theater at the Armory opened to the public on Oct. 1, 2006.

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