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**Portland Revels presents 20th annual Christmas Revels
under new leadership**

Portland, Oregon, November 18, 2014 – Portland Revels, currently presenting its 20th Anniversary Season, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny R. Stadler, Ph.D. as Executive Director, effective as of September 2014.

Stadler began serving as Interim Executive Director in April upon the retirement of former Executive Director Debby Garman. Stadler brings extensive experience as a nonprofit consultant and Executive Director to the organization, and has served in leadership roles in both arts and education. Her extensive work in both curriculum development and program design make her well suited to help the Portland Revels create innovative new programming with a focus on audience engagement.

With her permanent appointment, Stadler has seen the Revels through a period of change. This year's annual holiday production of the Christmas Revels in December is moving to a new venue and features a condensed performance schedule. The organization has also expanded its season programming, including a Harvest Hootenanny in October and an English Country Dance for all ages, and is looking ahead to additional new programming in 2015.

"I'm thrilled to be leading the organization through these transitions," says Stadler. "The Portland Revels is uniquely matched to the City of Portland's style and spirit – quirky, intelligent, high-quality and home-brewed. We're finding new and innovative ways to honor Revels traditions, while exploring opportunities to grow our audience."

Portland Revels' English Country Dance takes place Saturday, November 22 at the Renaissance School of Arts and Sciences. The evening will feature caller David Macemon and live music with Betsy Branch, Mark Douglass and Bill Tomczak. The event is family-friendly, and will encourage both new and experienced dancers to take part.

The 20th annual Christmas Revels production is set in 17th century London during the Caroline era. The time of Charles I of England and the Three Musketeers will come vividly to life through period music, dance, costumes and traditions in this new production from veteran Revels scriptwriter Gray Eubank. Performances run December 18 – 23 at St. Mary's Academy. For other upcoming events, visit the Portland Revels website at <http://portlandrevels.org/>.

2014 Performances & Tickets:

English Country Dance

Sat., November 22, 2015, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Renaissance School of Arts and Sciences

0234 SW Bancroft St., Portland, OR

\$10.00 entry per person

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Christmas Revels
Thurs.-Tues., December 18-23, 2015
St. Mary's Academy
1615 SW 5th Ave., Portland, OR
Tickets \$7.00-\$39.00

Tickets and information at <http://portlandrevels.org/>

About Portland Revels

The Portland Revels was founded in December of 1994 under the leadership of Richard Lewis, when an audience of 200 attended the "Rose City Revels," a sampling of songs and dances from the original Cambridge Christmas Revels, performed at Mago Hunt Theatre at University of Portland. The following year, the first fully-staged Christmas Revels drew 1,500 to five performances at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall. Since then, Portland Revels has grown to include year-round programming reaching a diverse audience, and in 2013 the Christmas Revels was performed 11 times to patrons in excess of 6,000.

Portland Revels is committed to creating community through shared experiences of celebrating the seasons through cultural arts programs. Today, Portland Revels presents a number of richly historical and cultural public performances and events throughout the year, including the Christmas Revels, Pub Sings, Salons, and family-friendly special events. Revels' Preview show ticket giveaway program provides opportunities to lesser-served communities to experience the arts.

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