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**Christmas Revels 2014**  
**set in swashbuckling 17<sup>th</sup> Century London**  
***December 18 – 23***

**Portland, Oregon, December 4th, 2014** – Portland Revels marks its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Revels with a new production set in 17<sup>th</sup> 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 European traditions in this holiday celebration from veteran Revels scriptwriter Gray Eubank. Beginning in the Tower of London in 2014, the Christmas Revels *Keep Magic* follows a young teen who, after being transported back in time, meets Henry Percy the Wizard Earl, and Morley, a resourceful prankster. Bruce Hostetler directs and Robert Lockwood is the musical director, with a cast featuring Tobias Andersen and Burl Ross.

Music Director Robert Lockwood is enthusiastic about this year's choral selections. "The beautiful traditional and composed carols and songs this year are drawn from the golden age of choral music in England and Europe. Audiences will hear melodies they already know, but also some exquisite pieces by Byrd and others that were popular in the Elizabethan and Caroline age. We're grateful to be able to present them to a modern audience."

Christmas Revels is a popular form of seasonal production that features traditional dances, music and songs in celebration of the winter solstice. Familiar highlights of the Portland Revels' annual event include mumming, the medieval Abbots Bromley Horn dance, and the central showpiece, the Lord of the Dance.

Performances take place this year at St. Mary's Academy in downtown Portland, a new venue for Portland Revels. Information on parking and local amenities can be found on the Portland Revels website at [portlandrevels.org](http://portlandrevels.org)

Performances run December 18 – 23, 2014.

**Performances & Tickets:**

The Christmas Revels  
Thurs.-Tues., December 18-23, 2014  
St. Mary's Academy  
1615 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR  
Tickets \$7.00-\$39.00

Details and tickets at [portlandrevels.org](http://portlandrevels.org)

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## **About Portland Revels**

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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