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in partnership with TriMet and Portland General Electric, presents

“First Light”

PORTLAND, OR. August 3, 2015 - Join TriMet, Portland General Electric and All Classical Portland as we ‘flip the switch’ on Tilikum Crossing’s aesthetic nighttime light program, Thursday, Sept. 10 at 9pm!

Part of TriMet’s public art program for the new Orange Line, artists Anna Valentina Murch and Doug Hollis created a beautiful permanent light installation for the new bridge. Aesthetically placed on and around the bridge, 178 LED lights focused on the cables and piers fluctuate in color and speed in response to a U.S. Geological Survey stream flow monitor echoing the Willamette River’s temperature, speed, and height. The water temperature determines the base color, the river’s speed controls the pace at which the colors change and move across the bridge, and the river’s height is displayed by a second color that moves vertically up and down the towers and the cables.

The “First Light” program will demonstrate over a span of ten minutes the spectacular lighting combinations of the installation before it settles into its permanent programmed sequence. First Light Music Sponsor, All Classical Portland, will provide a live broadcast and local outdoor broadcast of John Adams’ epic *Grand Pianola Music* (mvmt 3, “On the Great Divide”) to accompany the program. The music’s undulating, wave-like patterns are a nod to the great river itself, and its grandiose, quintessentially American sound pays tribute to the fact that each and every physical element of the Tilikum Crossing was made here in the United States. All Classical Portland broadcasters Christa Wessel and Robert McBride will host the program between 8 and 10pm, airing music that reflects the spirit of the bridge.

The “First Light” is powered entirely with renewable energy by Tilikum Crossing Lighting Sponsor, Portland General Electric. A public viewing area in the Zidell Yards will feature a BridgePort beer garden, food carts, and a live broadcast of the music to accompany the show. The public viewing area opens at 6pm; attendees are encouraged to bring beach or lawn chairs as seating will be limited. Spectators can also access the show from along both sides of the river, and tune in to the live music stream at allclassical.org or on the radio at 89.9FM. More information about the lighting can be found at catchtheorange.com/#/events/first-light

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