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'Experience Hendrix, A Tribute to Jimi' and 14 other exquisitely designed Christmas trees to be displayed and auctioned to benefit Providence O'Christmas Trees

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SEATTLE (October 9, 2013) - [Providence O' Christmas Trees](#), a fundraiser for [Providence Senior and Community Services](#) that features 15 exquisitely designed Christmas trees, kicks off the holiday season on Dec. 2-4, 2013. Now in its 29th year, this breathtaking holiday event is one of Providence's largest annual fundraisers, raising \$1.2 million in 2012 to help those in need through healthcare, housing and hospice. This three-day event at [The Westin Seattle](#) culminates on the evening of Dec. 4 at the auction of beautifully designed holiday trees, including a wild purple and jewel-colored musical tree by Janie Hendrix in honor of her brother, the iconic Seattle-born guitarist and rock star [Jimi Hendrix](#).

The "Experience Hendrix, A Tribute to Jimi" tree will reflect Jimi Hendrix's artistic side and will include framed copies of handwritten lyrics, Fender guitars, and rich purple, fuchsia, and green tones. It will also capture part of Hendrix's Cherokee heritage with feathers and fringe.

Families are invited to attend the free ["Christmas Carnival"](#) on Dec. 2 from 12-8 p.m. at The Westin Seattle, 1900 Fifth Ave. Enjoy live entertainment, craft projects for the kids, **photos with Santa** and a musical visit by local children's entertainer [Casper Babypants](#),

aka Chris Ballew of The Presidents of the United States of America, while strolling through a forest of innovatively decorated Christmas trees. Some of this year's themes include puppets, Dr. Seuss, and snow fairies.

The [“Silver Bells Luncheon”](#) will be held Dec. 3 from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Celebrate the spirit of the season while you enjoy a fashion show featuring Providence beneficiaries wearing fashions by local Seattle designers and the music of 2013 Presenting Artist, "Experience Hendrix - A Tribute to Jimi." Enter to win a Designer Accessories Prize Package, a Pacific Place \$500 gift certificate, and an All Access Pass to 2014 O'Christmas Trees. Sip a Signature Cocktail by Kathy Casey while you peruse the Christmas trees. Jump start your holiday shopping in the gift boutique brought to you by [The Finerie](#).

The [O'Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction](#), chaired by Dr. Rayburn Lewis and his wife Beth Upton, will follow on the evening of Dec. 4. The trees and other amazing items will be auctioned to benefit seniors and hospice patients served by Providence Health & Services' [Senior and Community Services](#). Reservations are required for the Silver Bells Luncheon and the O' Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction and may be made by calling 206-938-2788.

[Providence Health & Services](#) has provided healthcare, housing and supportive care services for people in the Puget Sound area for more than 150 years. Money raised from this event provides programs and services serving those who are elderly or disabled, disenfranchised, or facing end of life. They are served by [Providence ElderPlace](#), [Heritage House at the Market](#), [Providence Hospice of Seattle](#), [Providence Home Services](#), [Providence Infusion and Pharmacy](#), Providence Supportive Housing, [Providence Marianwood](#), and [Providence Mount St. Vincent](#) - all of which are available to residents of King County.

This year's event lineup includes:

On Sunday, Dec. 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., media representatives are invited to Designer Day---Come to The Westin Seattle to watch veteran local tree designers transform 7-foot fir trees into works of art. Each unique tree design takes months to plan and involves elaborate materials and a complex decorating process. Those who are unable to attend Designer Day will have additional opportunities for coverage during the Christmas Carnival, the Silver Bells Luncheon, and the Gala Dinner and Auction.

On Monday, Dec. 2, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., the public is invited to the free Christmas Carnival -- Enjoy this free family event with live entertainment, craft projects and **photos with Santa** while strolling through a forest of uniquely designed trees that will be auctioned off at the O'Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction.

On **Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, guests with advanced reservations will gather for **The Silver Bells Luncheon** -- Enjoy lunch in a glade brimming with dazzling holiday trees. This lunch hour event features a fashion show by local Seattle designers and a visit from Santa in a room decorated with the brilliant work of tree designers and their shimmering 7-foot firs each with its own distinctive theme. Advance reservations are required; the cost is \$60 per person. Call 206-938-1998 or reserve online at www.providencechristmastrees.org.

On **Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 5 p.m.**, guests with advance reservations will gather for the **O' Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction** in The Westin's Grand Ballroom for an elegant and stunning evening that is Seattle's premier holiday gala of giving and generosity. Capture the magic of the season as you dine among the sparkling lights of professionally designed Christmas trees. This gala evening draws more than 800 business and community leaders, their families and friends. Advance reservations of \$300 per person required. Call 206-938-2788 or reserve online at www.providencechristmastrees.org. **Press passes are available for working journalists.**

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