



Tender Loving Empire Expands their Retail Reach to the Portland International Airport, Opening in 2017

The handmade goods retailer and record label will spotlight local makers and musicians for future travelers to and from the Rose City

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Tender Loving Empire (TLE) announced today the signing of a long-term lease with the Port of Portland for a new retail location at the Portland International Airport. They are planning on opening for business in April of 2017, in the D Concourse. This will be the fourth retail location in Portland for this 10-year old company, a record label and marketplace for handmade goods that supports independent artists. TLE will carry a wide selection of handmade gifts, apparel, music, food and beverages, and its own signature line of products, presented in a fresh, bright and inspiring retail space.

For the airport location TLE will again be teaming up with the award winning Fieldwork Design, who has designed both their SE Hawthorne and NW 23rd locations in Portland.

"For the last ten years we've been working hard to shine a light on the art and craft of Portland's most talented and dedicated makers. Today is a big day for the hundreds of artists we represent, and for our great TLE team. We're excited that the 18 million people who visit the Portland Airport each year will be able to experience the joy, love and care that these artists have put into their handmade creations." said Brianne Mees, co-founder of TLE.

Added co-founder Jared Mees, "The art and music culture here in Portland is one of the things that makes this city great. I'm excited that people visiting Portland will be able to experience a taste of that culture right when they get off the plane at PDX."

"We're pleased to see Tender Loving Empire join the retail concession family at PDX," said Shane Andreasen, senior manager of concession development at Portland International Airport. "Their location on Concourse D will provide all travelers—especially international travelers—the opportunity to purchase handmade goods that support our region's independent artists."

About Tender Loving Empire

Tender Loving Empire (TLE) was founded by Jared and Brianne Mees in 2006 in Portland Oregon. TLE's goal is and has always been to make connections with visual artists, designers, musicians and craftspeople—and then connect them to new fans, and listeners. TLE has expanded from its humble beginnings as a mom and pop operation in a tiny out of the way location to a thriving multi-vertical company that employs 20 people via 3 Portland retail stores: downtown (in the West End), on SE Hawthorne, and on NW 23rd. They also have an e-commerce website, a line of signature products and an internationally distributed record label.

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