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Facility Rental at the Art Center

THE ART CENTER’S OUTSTANDING BUILDINGS AND SCULPTURE ON THE SURROUNDING GROUNDS PROVIDE A UNIQUE BACKDROP FOR PHOTOGRAPHS. PHOTO: KIM VOIGT PHOTOGRAPHY

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LEFT: WEDDING RECEPTION DANCING IN THE LOBBY PHOTO: MINDY MYERS PHOTOGRAPHY
RIGHT: EVENING CELEBRATION IN THE BEECH FAMILY COURTYARD SURROUNDING THE MAYTAG REFLECTING POOL. PHOTO: REBEKAH MALLOY

PHOTO: KARA VORWALD PHOTOGRAPHY
Looking for a beautiful location for your special event?

We are delighted you are considering the Art Center for your next special occasion. From wedding receptions to elegant corporate soirees, the Des Moines Art Center’s world-class architecture, beautiful ambiance, and professional staff will make your event unforgettable.

Unique, sophisticated, and home to some of the most important art of our time, the Des Moines Art Center boasts a variety of spaces to accommodate the most discerning tastes: a gorgeous lobby, a contemporary café, a 220-seat theater, and an open-air courtyard with striking views of our buildings, designed by three renowned architects. These artful accommodations can be customized to create a memorable and entirely unexpected event.

Choose from one of our preferred caterers to provide an exceptional culinary experience, from passed hors d’oeuvres to a multiple-course dinner. Surprise and delight your guests with a private docent-led tour of the three buildings that house the Art Center’s impressive exhibitions and collections.

Facility rental prices

Spaces available for rent

MAIN LOBBY AND MAYTAG REFLECTING POOL

- Plated or Buffet Style / 125 people
- Stations or Cocktail Style / 200 people
  - The 2,000 square foot lobby, designed by Eliel Saarinen and featuring travertine floors and oak paneled walls, is adjacent to the galleries. The lobby is sun-soaked during the early evening hours, by the dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that provide access to the courtyard.
  - The Bookey Family Courtyard features lit trees, a granite reflecting pool, and outdoor sculptures by Carl Milles and Scott Burton, and is surrounded by the architecture of Eliel Saarinen, I. M. Pei, and Richard Meier. It is the perfect space to begin your evening with passed hors d’oeuvres and cocktails or dance the night away underneath the stars.

TANGERINE AT THE ART CENTER

- Plated or Buffet Style / 50 people
- Stations or Cocktail Style / 75 people
  - The 950 square foot café, designed by Richard Meier, has a curved glass wall looking out onto The Bookey Family Courtyard and Maytag Reflecting Pool. This space is ideal for dinner meetings, rehearsal dinners, birthday gatherings, or other intimate events.
  - The courtyard and reflecting pool can be used as an elegant cocktail space or a memorable way to serve dessert underneath the stars, without additional cost.

LEVITT AUDITORIUM

- The 220-seat auditorium is well suited for symposia, lectures, performances, film, or video previews.
- The theater has limited ADA-accessible seating.
- The rental fee includes use of the theater’s integrated technology package; however, audiovisual technicians chosen by the Art Center must be hired at the renter’s expense.

All spaces are smoke-free. No food or drinks are allowed in the galleries or Levitt Auditorium.

The wood clad Eliel Saarinen lobby can be customized for receptions, sit down dining, or dancing. PHOTO: MAVINN PHOTOGRAPHY

The Bookey Family Courtyard and Maytag Reflecting Pool are accessible from the café or the lobby, extending your event outdoors and offering striking views of all of our buildings, designed by three master architects. PHOTO: MINDY MYERS PHOTOGRAPHY

All rentals include set up and tear down of rental equipment, security, and maintenance. These fees do not include food and beverage or any outside rental needs, such as tables, chairs, and linens. Additional items may be rented by the Art Center on behalf of the client at the client’s expense. Fees are subject to change.

* Influence level members or above ($250/year)
** These spaces are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday evening

Facility     Member*    Non-Member
LEVITT AUDITORIUM $1,000 $1,500

CAFÉ / MAYTAG REFLECTING POOL $1,500 $2,000

HARRIET S. AND J. LOCKE MACOMBER LOBBY $3,000 $3,500

THE BOOKEY FAMILY COURTYARD** $3,000 $3,500

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