

Art Institute of Chicago

Thank you for selecting the Art Institute of Chicago as your desired event venue. Whether you are planning a corporate event or your wedding, the museum is a stunning and memorable location for any event.

Event Rental Rates & Capacities

Please consider the scope and associated components of your event layout, and factor this into the event capacity. Event capacities do not factor in a dance floor, food stations or a DJ/Band area.

MODERN WING (159 E. Monroe Street)

Nichols Board of Trustee Suite		
Daily Rental Rate: \$6,000 Square Footage: 2,853		
Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
100	100	120

Griffin Court		
Daily Rental Rate: \$18,000 Square Footage: 8,065		
Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
400	300	900
Additional Spaces: <i>best additional rental event space to combine with Griffin Court</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Pritzker Garden · Passerelle & Balcony Cafe · Modern & Contemporary Galleries 		

Pritzker Garden		
Daily Rental Rate: \$6,000 Square Footage: 4,815		
Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
120-150	150	350
Pritzker Garden cannot be rented as a stand-alone event space and must be combined with Griffin Court. We do not allow tenting for external events and we do not offer inclement weather back up spaces.		

Terzo Piano & Bluhm Terrace		
Daily Rental Rate: \$15,000 Square Footage: 7,826		
Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
250	200	500
*conditions apply. Please contact the External Events team for more information.		

HISTORICAL BUILDING (111 S. Michigan Avenue)

Woman's Board Grand Staircase		
Daily Rental Rate: \$9,000 Square Footage: 3,314		
Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
100	200	225

Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room
Daily Rental Rate: \$9,000 Square Footage: 5,119

Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
250	300	300

Additional rental event spaces adjacent to the Chicago Stock Exchange Room:

- Columbus Court
- Chicago Gallery
- McKinlock Court
- Rubloff Auditorium

Chicago Gallery

Daily Rental Rate: \$1,500

Square Footage: 900

Chicago Gallery cannot be rented as stand alone event space and must be rented in conjunction with the Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room or Rubloff Auditorium.

Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
–	100	100

Columbus Court

Daily Rental Rate: \$2,500

Square Footage: 1200

Columbus Court cannot be rented as stand alone event space and must be rented in conjunction with the Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room or Rubloff Auditorium.

Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
–	–	200

McKinlock Court & Museum Cafe

Daily Rental Rate: \$10,000

Square Footage: 11,641

Capacity: Seated Event	Capacity: Ceremony	Capacity: Reception (standing)
175	150	300

AUDITORIUMS

Rubloff Auditorium

Daily Rental Rate: \$4,800
Fixed Seated Capacity: 943
Fullerton Auditorium
Daily Rental Rate: \$3,000
Fixed Seated Capacity: 372

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Event Rental Information

FEES

In addition to the space rental fee there are also museum event operations costs: *security, facilities & engineering*. The museum event operations costs are dependent on museum event space selection, number of vendors, expected attendance, etc. These costs will be estimated with additional information by your event manager provided by the event client.

CATERING

The Art Institute of Chicago has partnered with six Chicago- based caterers. These are the only approved caterers that are permitted for events at the AIC. Event clients will contract with the caterers separately from the event space rental. Please reach out to the caterers for information about pricing furniture rentals and planning services.

Exclusive Caterers:

- [Limelight Catering](#)
- [Blue Plate Catering](#)
- [Food For Thought](#)
- [Paramount Events](#)
- [Levy Restaurants](#)
- [Boka Catering](#)

VENDORS

The Art Institute of Chicago requires all vendors to provide a certificate of insurance meeting the museum's requirements. Insurance requirements can be provided upon request.

The Art Institute does not provide audio visual services for external event rentals. All audio visual equipment and services will need to be provided by the event client.

The Art Institute has partnered with Five Star Valet as our exclusive valet vendor. Valet is available at the museum during normal operating hours. Please contact Five Star for information about pricing for after hours events.

INCLIMATE WEATHER

There are two available outdoor event spaces: McKinlock Court & Pritzker Garden. Inclement Weather back up spaces are not guaranteed. Please speak with your event contact to determine what is available.

WEDDINGS

Thank you for considering having your wedding at the Art Institute of Chicago. With a myriad of special event spaces ranging from traditional to modern, the museum offers endless options for your engagement party, rehearsal dinner, bridal shower, wedding ceremony, or reception.

Booking your wedding at the Art Institute of Chicago includes the following:

- Two hour rental of bridal or groom's suite to use as a holding space.
 - Does not apply to bookings in Stock Exchange Room or McKinlock Court
- Use of museum coat check space (client will be required to coordinate staffing with chosen caterer)
- 60-minute escort for wedding photos throughout the museum during scheduled event time
 - Additional fee is incurred for photos taken pre-event, post-event, or on an alternative date

Additional Information:

- Earliest guest entry for events on an open museum day is 6:00pm. The museum closes at 5:00pm Thursday-Monday. Access for vendor setup would be granted earlier in the day.

- AIC requires that all couples getting married at the museum have a wedding planner for their wedding.
- Discount available for booking multiple event spaces for a wedding

Recommended Event Space Pairings for Weddings:

- Griffin Court + Pritzker Garden
- Griffin Court + Woman's Board Grand Staircase
- Griffin Court + Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room
- Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room + *[one or more of spaces below]*
 - Columbus Court - recommended for cocktail reception & welcome area
 - Chicago Gallery- recommended for cocktails or ceremony (max 100)
 - McKinlock Court + Museum Cafe - recommended for ceremony (max 150) or cocktail reception
 - Pritzker Garden- recommended for ceremony (max 150) or cocktail reception

Event Rental FAQ

Does the AIC rent event space by the hour?

No, we do not rent event space by the hour or at half day rates.

Can I buy out the museum for an event?

Yes, please indicate that you are interested in the buyout to your AIC Event Manager. Museum buyout fee starts at \$75,000.

Can I rent gallery space with my event space rental?

Yes, please indicate to your AIC event manager which gallery you are interested in. We can also offer suggestions based on event space selection. In addition to a gallery rental rate, there are charges for the security staffing. Security staffing includes staff required for the path of travel to the gallery and the staff required to staff the gallery itself.

We do not permit the following in gallery spaces:

- Wedding ceremonies
- Food and beverage

- Event rental furniture set up

What is the process for holding a date?

We offer a complimentary two-week hold on up to two dates for your event. After two weeks, your hold will be released. Your date is not officially booked until the contract is signed and deposit is received. Should another client inquire about a date you have on hold (within the valid hold window) - we will let you know immediately and you will have the first right of refusal.

Do you have in-house catering?

No, we do not provide in-house catering services. The museum has partnered with five exclusive Chicago-based caterers.

Can I use a caterer that is not an exclusive catering partner for the AIC?

No, we do not permit the use of caterers outside of our exclusive catering list.

Can I bring in my own alcohol or use donated alcohol?

All food and beverage is required to be provided by one of the approved caterers.

Is there a non-profit discount available?

Yes, we do provide a discount for non-profit organizations booking event space at the museum. Please indicate your non-profit status at the time of booking.

Where is the closest guest parking?

The Art Institute of Chicago does not provide any parking options. Event clients are welcome to send guests to the Millennium Garages located across the street or work with the museum's preferred valet vendors.

How late can my event go?

Events at the museum must end at 11:30pm, exceptions can be made on an event-by-event basis.

Can I host a ticketed event at the Art Institute of Chicago?

The AIC does permit clients to book events where they will be charging guests an admission fee or requiring guests to purchase tickets in order to attend the event. These purchases must be collected in advance. Onsite ticket sales are strictly prohibited. The use of a virtual link/QR code posted/displayed on museum property as a form of day-of payment is also considered an onsite sale and is not permitted.

