

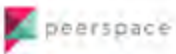


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*Thank you for choosing Chabot!*  
*Your event fuels STEM education for a new generation of explorers.*

# Our Venues



Surrounded by 13 acres of redwoods in the Oakland Hills, Chabot Space & Science Center is a unique and stunning location to hold your next event.

*"We have nothing but profound praise for Chabot Space & Science Center—it is an amazing place to get married! It also feels so good to support a community nonprofit."*

**Jan**

# Our Venues



## The Spees Building

**Capacity:** 450 (seated)  
700 (standing)  
**Rate:** Sat: \$10,900 | Sun–Fri \$8,900

The Spees Building is Chabot’s grand entrance, featuring three levels of exhibits, a theater, and a planetarium. Rent the full building or select levels for immersive exhibit experiences or roving-style events. With an octagonal skylight, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a wraparound balcony, the space offers stunning treetop views within a sleek industrial design.

### Spees Building: Level 1

**Capacity:** 150 (seated)  
250 (standing)  
**Rate:** Sun–Fri: \$6,900

An ideal space for receptions, dancing, and live entertainment, featuring the sunlit Rotunda and Studio 1 exhibit, the NASA Ames Visitor Center.

### Spees Building: Level 2

**Capacity:** 80 (seated)  
175 (standing)  
**Rate:** Sun–Fri: \$6,900

Enjoy sweeping forest views with ample space for dinner seating and buffet stations for smaller groups. Guests can mingle in the Studio 2 exhibit, Going the Distance, perfect for cocktails and appetizers.

### Spees Building: Courtyard

**Capacity:** 200 (seated)  
300 (standing)  
**Rate:** Sun–Fri: \$5,200

A relaxed, open-air setting perfect for casual gatherings, picnics, and outdoor celebrations. Nestled between the Spees and Dellums buildings, this space features an amphitheater, garden, and dining areas with stunning views of the neighboring Joaquin Miller Park. Ideal for corporate mixers, family reunions, and laid-back receptions.



SPEES L1



SPEES L2



COURTYARD

# Our Venues



## Spees Building: Planetarium

Capacity: 241  
Rate: \$5,900 with another venue 7 hrs  
\$7,900 stand-alone 7 hrs  
\$2,500 with another venue 2 hrs  
\$3,500 stand-alone 2 hrs

Create a one-of-a-kind experience under our 70-foot dome, where the universe becomes part of your event. Whether it's a wedding, proposal, memorial, or presentation, our team can custom-design celestial projections to make your moment truly unique. Exchange vows beneath the night sky from a meaningful date, have a moon-rise frame your entrance, or set the scene with a cosmic nebula in your favorite colors. For a dramatic finale, watch galaxies collide as you share your first kiss. Choose from Chabot's collection of immersive shows or project your own custom content for a truly out-of-this-world experience.



PLANETARIUM

## Spees Building: Theater

Capacity: 205  
Rate: \$4,200 with another venue 7 hrs  
\$5,900 stand-alone 7 hrs  
\$1,900 with another venue 2 hrs;  
\$2,400 stand-alone 2 hrs

This 60-foot diameter giant screen is ideal for a special lecture, conference presentation, or film viewing. Customize your own experience by playing your favorite movie on High-Definition Blu-Ray or DVD.



THEATER

## The Dellums Building

### Studio 3: Astronomy Hall

Capacity: 400 (standing or theater-style seating);  
250 (dining with dance floor)  
Rate: Sat: \$9,500 | Sun–Fri: \$7,900

Studio 3: Astronomy Hall is Chabot's largest open event space, perfect for seated dinners, receptions, and lectures. Equipped with a built-in projector and screen, it easily transforms into a presentation hall. Located next to the Observatory, guests can step outside to enjoy breathtaking sky views and explore our three historic telescopes. As a mobile exhibit space, Studio 3 offers flexibility—keep interactive exhibits for added engagement or remove them for a fully open floor plan.



STUDIO 3

# Our Venues



## Chabot Observatory

- Capacity:** 175 (seated ceremony)  
300 (standing)  
150 (seated reception with dance floor)
- Rate:** Fri & Sat: \$2,900 (2 hrs, 5pm–7pm only) | Sun–Thur: \$6,200 (7 hrs)

Located just outside Studio 3: Astronomy Hall, the Observatory offers breathtaking sky views and access to Chabot’s renowned telescopes for a truly celestial experience.

With guidance from our expert astronomers, guests can explore the wonders of the night sky through Chabot’s telescopes, including historic 8” and 20” refractor and contemporary 36” reflector telescopes.

- **FRI & SAT EVENINGS 7:30–10:30 PM:** Guests are welcome to attend free public telescope viewings year-round (weather permitting).
- **FRI & SAT 5:00–7:00 PM:** Available for private rentals, ideal for simple ceremonies or cocktail hours before public viewing begins. Perfect for events featuring batch drinks, minimal decor, and streamlined service plans.
- **SUN–THURS:** Exclusive rental of the Observatory available for the entire evening with the option of private telescope viewings. These days have more time available to accommodate elevated experiences and expanded service offerings, allowing larger event designs.

## Private Telescope Viewings

- Capacity:** 15 per telescope
- Rate:** 1 Telescope: \$1,500  
2 Telescopes: \$1,800  
3 Telescopes: \$2,100

Engage your guests in an evening of private telescope viewings, guided by our astronomers. Telescopes are rented in 2-hour increments. Please note viewings are weather permitting and non-refundable in the event of changing conditions.



TELESCOPES & DECK



TELESCOPE VIEWING



OBSERVATION DECK

# Classrooms & Labs



## Classrooms

Ideal for conferences, meetings, retreats, luncheons, or birthday parties, the classrooms offer a professional and flexible setting. Each room is equipped with built-in projectors, drop-down screens, whiteboards, and laptop connectivity. Rooms come fully furnished. Classrooms 3 & 4 are adjoining with synced projection.

### Classroom 1

Capacity: 36  
Rate: \$1,900/8 hr  
\$300/hr

### Classroom 2

Capacity: 30  
Rate: \$1,900/8 hr  
\$300/hr

### Classrooms 3 & 4

Capacity: 36 each room or 72 combined  
Rate: \$1,500/8 hr each  
or \$2,500/8 hr combined  
\$200/hr each or \$350/hr combined

## Laboratories

Turn a standard meeting into an engaging experience with a science-themed setting. With a quintessential science laboratory feel, our Labs are excellent for performing demos and presentations for learning, team building, or strategic planning.

### Lab 1

Capacity: 45  
Rate: \$150/hr

### Lab 2

Capacity: 45  
Rate: \$150/hr



# Interactive Add-On Experiences



**ENHANCE YOUR EVENT** with an engaging, hands-on experience that sparks creativity, collaboration, and excitement. Chabot Space & Science Center offers a variety of immersive workshops designed to complement any occasion. Whether you're looking for a fun, artistic activity, an educational adventure, or an outdoor exploration, we can tailor an experience that fits your event's theme and goals. Available on weekdays and weekends, these customizable programs provide a unique and memorable addition to your gathering.

## Workshops & Activities

### Mars Lander Challenge

**Availability:** Weekdays & Weekends  
**Capacity:** 40 people per package  
**Rate:** 60 min. \$600

How do we safely land rovers on Mars? Teams will design and test Mars landers to keep their cargo safe on impact, following the same problem-solving techniques used by NASA engineers.

### Space Rocks

**Availability:** Weekdays & Weekends  
**Capacity:** scalable, minimum 15 guests  
**Rate:** 90 min: \$30/person

Uncover the mysteries of space rocks through interactive investigations and hands-on experiments. Teams will even craft their own sublimating dry-ice comets, just like those hurtling through our Solar System!

### Outdoor Scavenger

**Availability:** Weekdays & Weekends, Daytime  
(weather-dependent)

**Capacity:** scalable  
**Rate:** 60 min. \$5/person

Compete with your colleagues on a nature-themed scavenger quest under the largest remaining natural grove of coastal redwoods in the East Bay. Put your nature knowledge to the test as you solve riddles about the flora, fauna, geology, culture, and history of Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park, one of the most majestic parks in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Indoor Scavenger

**Availability:** Weekdays & Weekends, Daytime  
**Capacity:** scalable  
**Rate:** 60 min. \$5/person

Compete with your colleagues on a space-themed scavenger quest through Chabot Space & Science Center's exhibit halls. Connect with teammates while visiting our NASA Ames Visitor Center, seeing a full-scale Moon rover, and exploring the mysteries of light in space. Travel through decades of space exploration frontiers in Going the Distance and discover interactive exhibits that highlight innovation, exploration, and the wonder of the cosmos.

*"I had a soft spot in my heart knowing my venue costs were going towards a non-profit and good cause. The venue itself is stunning and set such a positive vibe."*

**Holly**

# Interactive Add-On Experiences



## Energy Engineering

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 30 people per package

Rate: 60 min: \$600

Harness the power of the wind! Work together with your colleagues to design a wind turbine that produces at least one volt of energy. Like true engineers, each team will collaboratively design, test, and redesign a turbine, then compete to see which team's turbine generates the most energy.

## Interpretative Hike

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

(weather-dependent)

Capacity: 40 people

Rate: Guided Stroll : \$600

(1.5–2 miles, 60 min)

Immersive Trek : \$900

(2.5–3.5 miles, 120 min)

Enjoy an interpretative hike under the majestic coastal redwoods of Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park. With our knowledgeable guides, learn to identify local flora and fauna, and the East Bay hills' fascinating histories. Guided Stroll (1.5–2 miles, 1 hr) and Immersive Trek (2.5–3.5 miles, 2 hr) routes available.



## Stellar Space Painting

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

Capacity: 10-40 people

Rate: 120 min: \$35/person

Have you seen the brilliant images produced by the James Webb Space Telescope? In this artistic workshop, don your smocks and express your inner painter as our instructors guide you and your team towards stellar creations on canvas. Choose from our catalogue of projects, or allow us to surprise you with a nebula, galaxy, or star.



## Nature Journaling

Availability: Weekdays & Weekends

(weather-dependent)

Capacity: 15-40 people

Rate: 120 min. \$30/person

Experience the wonders of our local coastal redwoods while keeping a scientific field journal. With our outdoor educators, learn how to identify species as professional ecologists do and to illustrate animals, plants, and geological features you see in Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park. You and your colleagues will leave with a permanent, unique record of your outdoor experience.



## Unforgettable Extras

### Live Zeiss Astronomy Show

Capacity: Up to 240 per show

Activity Duration: Approx. 45 minutes with Q&A

Rate: Planetarium Rental + \$500 (1 live show)

Astronomers guide guests through the cosmos in this classic live Planetarium presentation with stunning high-definition projection.

### Galaxy Explorer Demo Cart

Capacity: Up to 1,500

Activity Duration: 120 Minutes

Cost: \$500 per demo cart

Chabot's teen science ambassadors lead engaging activities at drop-in stations for your guests.

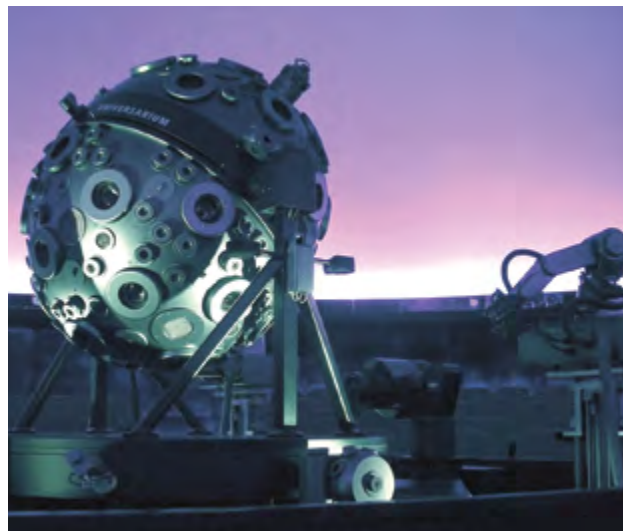
#### Available Demos:

- **BOO BUBBLES:** Play with soapy, fog-filled bubbles and learn about sublimation, density, and temperature.
- **METEORITE, METEOR WRONG:** Test and enhance your geology knowledge in a game while learning how to identify different types of meteorites.
- **NANOSCENTS:** Test your sense of smell while learning about nanoparticles and how they relate to engineering spacecrafts and spacesuits
- **SOLAR FLARE MAGNETS:** Play a fun game and learn how solar flares are created
- **STAR FORMATION:** Collect as many particles as you can to form a "star" in this hands-on demonstration.
- **VACUUM CHAMBER:** Learn about air pressure and Boyle's Law by watching balloons or marshmallows expand and contract in the vacuum chamber.

### Party Favors

Chabot's Gift Shop has party favors for any type of event.

Contact our staff to connect to the Gift Shop for party favor options and prices.



# Wedding & Event Packages



While these packages are designed with weddings in mind, they are combinations of spaces adjacent to each other, bundled together for a lower rate than booking each space à la carte. Any group or celebration type can opt to book a package, not just weddings. These packages are often ideal combinations for presentations followed by cocktail hours and seated dinners, offering a seamless flow of events. Whether you're hosting a corporate event, a social gathering, or any special occasion, our versatile packages provide a unique, cost-effective way to enjoy multiple spaces across the Center, ensuring a memorable experience for your guests.

## Across the Universe Package

### INDOOR

Seating capacity: 240

Rate: Sat: \$14,900 | Sun–Fri: \$12,900

2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour rental of reception spaces

Celebrate your celestial ceremony or present a dynamic conference beneath a spotlighted stage in the Planetarium, surrounded by a starry sky. Guests enjoy cocktail hour in Studio 2, among the interactive exhibits in Going the Distance, followed by dinner and dancing in Studio 3: Astronomy Hall.

## Written in the Stars Package

### INDOOR

Seating capacity: 240

Rate: Sat: \$12,900 | Sun–Fri: \$10,500

Two levels of exhibits with the outdoor courtyard

2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour Spees Building rental

Start by exchanging vows in a celestial ceremony or presenting slides in the Planetarium. An immersive reception experience follows with access to two levels of interactive exhibits in the Spees Building, plus access to the outdoor Courtyard. This package allows for a cabaret-style reception, with space for both standing cocktails and seated dinner. While the reception areas are not a traditional contiguous banquet room setup, they offer a dynamic flow and plenty of room for dinner, dancing, and exploration.



# Wedding & Event Packages



## Saturn's Rings Package

INDOOR

Seating Capacity: 100

Rate: Sun–Fri: \$8,900

2-hour Planetarium rental with 7-hour rental of one exhibit level in the Spees Building

Celebrate throughout the night with dinner, dancing, and drinks on the level of interactive exhibits of your choice in the Spees Building after a starlit ceremony in the Planetarium.



## Pleiades Package

OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 130

Rate: Sun–Fri Eve: \$5,200

7-hour rental of Pleiades Courtyard and Amphitheater

Exchange your vows, watch a movie on our inflatable screen, or listen to a band in the Amphitheater, followed by dinner and dancing in the outdoor courtyard, surrounded by the park forests. Perfect for couples or groups looking for a simple and casual celebration with natural surroundings.



## New Horizons Package

INDOOR/OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 130

Rate: Sun–Fri \$7,500

2-hour rental of Pleiades Courtyard and 7-hour rental of Spees Level 1

Enjoy the best of indoor–outdoor entertaining with the Courtyard and the first Level of the Spees Building, home to our NASA Ames Visitor Center. This versatile package is ideal for small to midsize gatherings seeking a seamless flow between open-air ambiance and exhibit space. Host a ceremony or cocktail hour in the Courtyard, where a relaxed garden setting and views of surrounding park trees create a naturally inviting backdrop. Then transition indoors for dinner seating or a roving reception in an inspiring environment that sparks conversation and discovery.



# Wedding & Event Packages



## Open Sky Package

OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 100

Rate: Sun–Thurs: \$6,200 (not available Fridays or Saturdays)

2-hour exclusive Telescope Viewing with Chabot astronomers with 7-hour Observatory rental (weather permitting)

Say your vows at the Chabot Observatory overlooking the Oakland Hills forests. Watch the sun go down as you wine and dine on the Observation Deck before telescope viewings.

## Moonlight Package

INDOOR/OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 175

Rate: Sat: \$10,900 | Sun–Fri: \$8,900

Largest contiguous space for receptions

2-hour Chabot Observatory rental with 7-hour Studio 3 rental

Dazzle your guests with a breathtaking ceremony or cocktail hour at the Chabot Observatory while the sun sets over the surrounding forests. After your vows, continue the celebration with dinner, dancing, and toasts in the adjacent Studio 3: Astronomy Hall. Guests will have easy access to the Observatory's historic telescopes on Friday and Saturday evenings during our free public viewings, or you can arrange private viewings on other nights of the week for an exclusive stargazing experience guided by our expert astronomers.



# Wedding & Event Packages



## Elopement Packages

Looking for a more intimate wedding ceremony experience? Our elopement packages are the perfect choice!

### Elopement Package #1

INDOOR

Seating Capacity: 50 | Sun–Fri: \$2,500

1 hour for ceremony in the Planetarium with customized celestial projection for up to 50 guests, followed by one Planetarium show of choice. For a dinner reception, see Saturn’s Rings package.



### Elopement Package #2

OUTDOOR

Seating Capacity: 50

Sun–Thurs: \$2,500

2 hours on the Observation Deck for ceremony, including set up, followed by 1 hour of private telescope viewings with Chabot astronomers. For a longer event or meal service, please see the Open Sky Package. Includes black ceremony chairs.



# Preferred Caterers



Preferred Caterers are fully, vetted, licensed, insured, and equipped to operate at Chabot Space & Science Center. They are all-inclusive, providing a full range of services from food and bar service, assistance in planning, setup and cleanup, to staffing. These caterers are well-practiced in our spaces, ensuring a seamless event. Our curated list reflects a wide range of price points, menu styles, cuisines, and service approaches, with the flexibility to accommodate cultural preferences and dietary needs. A \$1,500 licensing collection and verification fee applies to the use of Non-Preferred Caterers. Our team will be happy to work with you to help you match with a Preferred Caterer that is a great fit for your event needs.



## ACT Catering

(510) 654-0148 | [kristine@actcatering.com](mailto:kristine@actcatering.com) | [actcatering.com](http://actcatering.com)

Throughout the years, ACT Catering has been thrilled to work with incredible teams of chefs, servers, and office staff who have kept ACT running smoothly with one delicious dish after the next. Our love for fresh seasonal ingredients and simple but vibrant presentations has clients returning again and again.



## Carrie Dove Catering & Events

(415) 460-9995 | [jessica@carriedovecatering.com](mailto:jessica@carriedovecatering.com) | [carriedovecatering.com](http://carriedovecatering.com)

Since 2001, Carrie Dove has worked hard to build a team of talented chefs, creative event specialists, captains and wait staff. Our team prides ourselves on providing Comfortably Elegant food & service. We work in partnership with our clients to produce perfect events.



## Chris Evans Events & Catering

(510) 495-7347 | [info@chrisevansevents.com](mailto:info@chrisevansevents.com) | [chrisevansevents.com](http://chrisevansevents.com)

With CEE, you can leave elegance to the "Taylor." Our team is dedicated to making your event seamless, tailored to unique specifications so you can see your vision come to life. Whether you choose one of our classic savor stations, creative flavor forward appetizers, or our tantalizing entrees, Chris Evans Events & Catering knows the importance of providing a memorable epicurean experience to set the tone of an unforgettable event.

# Preferred Caterers



## Kitchenina

(415) 299-2670 | [aliki@kitchenina.com](mailto:aliki@kitchenina.com) | [kitchenina.com](http://kitchenina.com)

Kitchenina is a farm-to-table organic focused caterer with affordable and transparent pricing. We craft tailor made menus for you according to your preferences and dietary restrictions. We have earned multiple customer awards and are 5 star rated by all of our couples! We are committed to excellence and will guarantee your guests will be amazed by the food and service and will let you know!



## McCalls Catering & Events

(415) 552-8550 | [info@mccallssf.com](mailto:info@mccallssf.com) | [mccallssf.com](http://mccallssf.com)

For over thirty years, McCalls has been the Bay Area's premier catering and event company. We have been the partner of choice for corporate, civic, and social event planners in the Bay Area and beyond, and have produced some of the most fabulous personal and special events in the country.



## Metal & Match

[info@metalandmatch.com](mailto:info@metalandmatch.com) | [alwaysfishinghg.com](http://alwaysfishinghg.com)

At Metal and Match, we're more than just a catering company—we're creators of unforgettable culinary experiences. With a commitment to excellence and a passion for culinary innovation, we specialize in crafting custom menus that showcase locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. Led by a team of seasoned chefs and hospitality professionals, Metal and Match is dedicated to delivering exceptional service and exceeding our clients' expectations. From intimate gatherings to large-scale events, we approach each occasion with creativity, attention to detail, and a focus on culinary excellence.



## MontPeri Catering

(925) 231-7003 | [booking@montpericatering.com](mailto:booking@montpericatering.com) | [montpericatering.com](http://montpericatering.com)

Montperi Catering events is committed to catering your way. We offer seasonal traditional and creative cuisine, and tantalizing menus with a contemporary touch! We are also a full-service event production company, hosting every detail for your wedding, corporate event, and more.



## New Delhi

(415) 816-4068 | [ranjan@newdelhirestaurant.com](mailto:ranjan@newdelhirestaurant.com) | [newdelhirestaurant.com](http://newdelhirestaurant.com)

Since 1988 we have catered over 2000 weddings, corporate and social events and served over 2 million guests. We specialize in all regional cuisines of India, and celebrate the beauty of diverse delicacies from the North, South, East and West. We also specialize in catering specialized foods required for Hindu, Muslim, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist, Indian, Christian, and Jewish communities.

# Preferred Caterers



## The Red Door

(510) 459-6212 | [events@reddoorcatering.com](mailto:events@reddoorcatering.com) | [reddoorcatering.com](http://reddoorcatering.com)

The Red Door (TRD) is team of award-winning culinary artists skilled in preparing carefully crafted, adventurous comfort food. Female-founder and owner Reign Free and her talented squad of event specialists collaborate with you to personalize an unforgettable dining and event experience. Working with local small businesses to source fresh, seasonal ingredients, our chefs cultivate innovative menus, ensuring quality dishes that will leave you licking your lips. Casual or extravagant, we can satisfy your unique culinary requests (including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.).

## Salt & Honey Catering & Events

(415) 702-0894 | [olivia@saltandhoneycatering.com](mailto:olivia@saltandhoneycatering.com) | [saltandhoneycatering.com](http://saltandhoneycatering.com)

At Salt & Honey, we believe every occasion should be a celebration! We are passionate about creating fun, memorable and effortless events. Our approach is simple: Take the best ingredients at the height of their season and let them shine. We believe using locally sourced and sustainably raised-and-caught produce, meat and seafood creates the best meals that are satisfying for the palate and responsible for the environment.



*"When searching for venues, we didn't want a country club, winery, or hotel. We wanted something that would truly be a fun and memorable experience for us and our guests. Chabot Space & Science Center 100% delivered on this! Now months away from our event, people still tell us what an unforgettable night it was for them."*

**Kayla**

# Recommended Vendors



Recommended Vendors are experienced and trusted professionals who are familiar with Chabot's unique event spaces. While you are not required to use the listed Recommended Vendors at your event, they have a proven track record of delivering amazing experiences.

## DJ, Lighting, & Audio-Visual

Chabot's recommended DJ, A/V, and lighting teams know our available equipment, acoustics, power access, and layouts, ensuring there are no surprises on your event day.



### BluEdge Productions

(510) 967-9408 | [quan@bluedgepro.com](mailto:quan@bluedgepro.com) | [bluedgepro.com](http://bluedgepro.com)

From the most futuristic DJ experience to bilingual MCs, bluEdge has got you covered. Let us help you to transform your venue with our suite of lighting and decor services to create the perfect ambiance that will wow your guests!

### Verducci Event Productions

(415) 545-8635 | [info@verduccies.com](mailto:info@verduccies.com) | [verduccies.com](http://verduccies.com)

Our mission is to use technology, talent, and customer service to create environments that transport people to another place where they can create lasting memories, inspire positive change in the world, and achieve their dreams. We accomplish this by aligning with your goals and vision, making the entire process fun and seamless, and creating innovative experiences you won't forget.



## Photography

Using an experienced photographer in a uniquely special space like a Planetarium with 360-projection and changing lighting is essential for capturing your day.

### Holly D. Photography

(707) 776-6536 | [holly@hollydphotos.com](mailto:holly@hollydphotos.com) | [www.hollydphotos.com](http://www.hollydphotos.com)

Holly D Photography is a Napa-based wedding photographer specializing in capturing your most treasured moments by bringing them to life every time you set your eyes on them! Holly is an exquisite wedding photographer who cares deeply about the relationship she builds with her clients, ensuring to give each client the best experience that they deserve for their special day.



### JB Pictures

(415) 860-1489 | [jb@jbpictures.com](mailto:jb@jbpictures.com) | [jbpictures.com](http://jbpictures.com)

JB Pictures is a team of talented photographers in the Bay Area with a light, airy, and modern style. With a genuine passion for photography and the happiness of our clients, the JB Pictures team always delivers on quality and an exceptional experience.



# Recommended Vendors



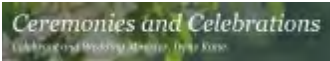
## Officiant

*A seasoned venue-veteran that will personalize your experience in our "space." Irene can be a guide through any personal journey, whether it be a wedding or a celebration of life.*

### Ceremonies and Celebrations with Irene Kane

(510) 969-5756 | [greatceremonies@gmail.com](mailto:greatceremonies@gmail.com) | [ceremoniesandcelebrations.com](http://ceremoniesandcelebrations.com)

Irene offers original wedding ceremonies individually crafted for each couple. She takes time getting to know you through personal interviews and a thoughtful questionnaire. Your love story becomes the centerpiece of your ceremony with tender vows, appropriate readings and possible rituals to add a little flavor to the script. She brings your dreams and ideas to life in a relaxed, yet efficient manner, ensures happy guests with ear to ear smiles and leaves you with memories of a warm and loving ceremony that you can look back on throughout your married life. She honors your special day in a collaborative, innovative way!



## Hotel

*Chabot's hotel partners coordinate room blocks easily for your guests. Mention your event at Chabot for special rates or deals.*

### Four Points by Sheraton San Francisco Bay Bridge

(510) 547-7888 | [jyee@fourpointsemeryville.com](mailto:jyee@fourpointsemeryville.com)

[fourpointssanfranciscobaybridge.com](http://fourpointssanfranciscobaybridge.com)

The style and service you want, all at a great price for your group. With a location that is just 10 miles from Chabot Space & Science Center, your next meeting, wedding, conference, lecture, or team building group will enjoy special offers.



### Sonesta Emeryville Oakland

(510) 652-8777 | [shawne.hightower@sonesta.com](mailto:shawne.hightower@sonesta.com) | [sonesta.com](http://sonesta.com)

Sonesta Emeryville – San Francisco Bay Bridge offers an ideal Bay Bridge location within easy reach of the most popular business and leisure destinations. You'll stay close to Fox Theater, Paramount Theater, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and more. Embrace ultimate comfort in our contemporary guest rooms and suites overlooking the stunning San Francisco Bay. Enjoy thoughtful amenities such as an on-site fitness center, ample and flexible meeting spaces, an indoor pool, and an outdoor patio. At Sonesta Hotels & Resorts, we're so happy you're here.



# Recommended Vendors



## Event Planning

While Chabot does not provide coordination services and an event planner is not required, one of our recommended partners makes a world of difference. They know the venue inside and out, anticipate needs before they arise, and streamline every detail to make the planning process stress free. Just a consultation call is highly recommended and a valuable step in understanding what support will best bring your vision to life, whether it be a planner starting at the time of booking the venue, or just a few weeks leading up to the day-of the event.

### A Monique Affair

(510) 334-3752 | Chanda Daniels | [amoniqueaffair.com](http://amoniqueaffair.com)

A Monique Affair is a full-service event planning company based in Oakland, California, also serving the San Francisco Bay Area and surrounding region. Founder Chanda Monique Daniels and her team have more than 20 years of experience designing and executing beautiful weddings full of sophistication and class.



### Simply Elegant By Diana

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It has become our mission and goal as wedding and event planners to create a dream come true for our clients. We are committed to delivering a stress-free environment as we coordinate each detail so that you may relax and focus on the heart of the matter while we take on the load of what seems like a thousand impossible tasks so that you can fully experience and enjoy your special day!



### Studio DBI

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Studio DBI is an Oakland-based wedding+event planning studio known for our stress-free process, easy going personality, and seamless production. Our mission is to bring together communities to create impactful, inclusive, and engaging experiences.



## Florist

Katharina's designs compliment the venues unique architecture, enhancing the space while thoughtfully customizing to every client.

### Katharina Stuart Floral Art and Design

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With over 30 years of experience in the floral industry, we at Katharina Stuart Floral Art and Design know how important the decor for your party is and we will do our best to find the perfect solution for your event. We beautify weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, bris, birthday parties, life celebrations, corporate events, and any occasion that calls for something beautiful.



# Recommended Vendors



## Bar Service



Create visually-engaging bar experiences that will wow your guests.

### Bar Car

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Welcome to Bar Car, where we're redefining the cocktail experience one sip at a time. As a premier mobile bar service, we specialize in crafting handcrafted cocktails and providing top-notch beverage solutions for events of all sizes. With a team of expert mixologists and bartenders, Bar Car brings creativity, innovation, and impeccable service to every event we serve. From intimate gatherings to large-scale celebrations, we work closely with our clients to design custom cocktail menus that reflect their unique tastes and preferences.

## Event Production

From load-in logistics to space constraints, our rental partners know what works and can help you avoid day-of complications.

### AM Party Rentals

(650) 363-1050 | [info@ampartyrentals.com](mailto:info@ampartyrentals.com) | [ampartyrentals.com](http://ampartyrentals.com)

AM Party Rentals Inc. is a premier event rental company committed to elevating every occasion with a comprehensive selection of top-quality rentals. From elegant chairs, tables, linens, and glassware to dynamic staging, lighting, and dance floors, we specialize in providing everything needed to create unforgettable and successful events. Our dedication to excellence ensures that clients experience seamless and memorable celebrations with our wide range of event essentials.



### Bright Event Rentals

(415) 570-0470 | [sales-sf@bright.com](mailto:sales-sf@bright.com) | [bright.com](http://bright.com)

Bright Event Rentals was founded in 2013. Bright is a full-service special event rental company with 10 fulfillment centers and 15 showrooms throughout California, Arizona, and Texas. Bright provides high quality special event rental equipment from chairs to china, linen to lighting, tents to tables. We service any size or scope of event from intimate to large-scale productions.



### Joe Squared Productions

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Joe Squared Productions (Joe<sup>2</sup>) is a dynamic father-and-son-owned business that passionately delivers exceptional event experiences since 2013. With our state-of-the-art technology and unwavering commitment to creating unforgettable moments, we offer competitive prices for events that will be cherished for a lifetime. From our cutting-edge light, sound, and video equipment to our dedication to crafting events of a lifetime, Joe<sup>2</sup> Productions is the go-to choice for those seeking extraordinary experiences at affordable rates.



# Recommended Vendors



## Entertainment

*Highly-customized, interactive, unique-to-Chabot experiences to elevate any event to the next level. Bands, performers, characters, installations, photo activations, games, and more.*



### Circosphere

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Circosphere is a woman-owned cirque entertainment company specializing in unique, interactive, and WOW Factor performances for special events. With over a decade of experience entertaining audiences for all occasions, our extensive planning allows us to feature astounding talent, supportive staff, and bespoke costuming guaranteed to leave your guests with memories to last a lifetime. We offer an incredible variety of entertainment options for live and virtual events; from breathtaking acrobatic acts, to whimsical strolling characters and live music. Contact us today and make your next event unforgettable!

### PhotoMeBooth

(844) 388-0000 | [hello@photomebooth.com](mailto:hello@photomebooth.com) | [photomebooth.com](http://photomebooth.com)



Whether you are looking to provide the classic photo booth experience or wow your guests with boomerang, GIF, or video booth technology, we have the solution to take your brand, party, or wedding to the next level!

*"Chabot allowed us to be creative and plan an experience that was uniquely us, although we didn't really NEED to put much effort into being creative because the venue itself is so amazing that your guests will have a blast (off)!"*

**Gabrielle**



## Booking & cancellation

### How do I secure my date?

An event space and date are reserved once a signed contract is returned with a 50% deposit. The remaining balance along with a refundable \$1,000 security deposit becomes due 30 days before the event (\$200 classroom security deposit).

### How far in advance should I secure my date?

It is never too early to book your date, especially if it is a date that you are not willing to give up. Saturdays in popular seasons can book more than a year in advance.

### Do you book multiple events at the same time?

Chabot may host other programs or events in non-reserved spaces. Any spaces that are not reserved will remain off-limits to guests. We prioritize event privacy and ensure that all considerations are made to provide a seamless experience for your event.

### What is your cancellation policy?

If a booking is canceled in writing 150+ days prior to the event, 50% of the Booking Deposit will be returned; 60–150 days prior to the event 25% of the Booking Deposit will be returned. Cancellations received less than 60 days in advance do not qualify for a refund. An event may be rescheduled once without a fee with appropriate notice.

### Do I need to provide insurance?

Yes. Chabot requires a certificate of insurance in the amount of up to \$1 million of coverage for general liability for events taking place in exhibits. This does not apply to meetings held in classrooms. The client obtains this through their insurance company at least 30 days prior to the event. We can also refer you to an event insurance provider.

## Food & beverages

### Can I serve food and beverages in the exhibit spaces?

Yes! As a nonprofit and educational institution our exhibits are intended to be hands-on. We welcome guests to mindfully interact with exhibits throughout the event. The only restricted areas include the telescope domes, Planetarium, and Theater, although drink drop stations should be arranged for any guests that would like to partake in viewings or shows.

### What is your alcohol policy?

Liquor is permitted but may only be consumed by guests aged twenty-one (21) years or older and must be served by a licensed bar service. All of the Preferred Caterers can provide bar service. Chabot does not permit any alcohol self-service at events.

### Can I cook my own food in your catering kitchen?

No, only licensed caterers approved by Chabot Space & Science Center may use the catering kitchen. Only approved caterers may operate heating devices or flame of any kind on premises, with appropriate and vetted permitting and licensing.

### Do I need to use an approved caterer?

It is highly recommended that clients coordinate with one of Chabot's Preferred Caterers. The use of a non-Preferred Caterer incurs a \$1,500 buyout fee and will increase the security deposit to \$1,500. All Chabot caterers are well-versed in our policies and procedures, and are fully insured and licensed by the city and state. The caterer provides all personnel and equipment required for preparation of food and beverage, handles rental orders for tables, linens, dishware, etc., and is responsible for setup/breakdown within Chabot's rental agreements. Drop-off catering, with no on-site staffing, food handling, or preparation, is permitted only with prior approval.



## Planning & Event logistics

### Does Chabot provide event planning?

An on-site coordinator will assist with facility-related needs, but that person is not a comprehensive event planner. We are happy to refer clients to a skilled complete event planning specialist in our Recommended Vendor list.

### Is furniture included? Who orders the rental equipment?

We have a limited amount of casual furniture in some venues or some additional tabling available for rental. Formal dining furniture is typically ordered by the caterer in the event planning process. Preferred Caterers are all full-service vendors and can provide tables, chairs, linen, dinnerware, and glassware. We can also refer you to a rental company in our Recommended Vendor list if you would like to handle these needs.

### Is there a hospitality room to get dressed before the ceremony?

Yes, a private classroom or similar space is included with your wedding rental as a hospitality suite. It is typically available starting at 3:00 pm, providing a comfortable place for your wedding party to gather, get ready, and store belongings before event setup begins in the exhibit areas at 5:00 pm. Your immediate wedding party is also welcome to take photos in the exhibits or nearby parks prior to your event. The Center remains open to general admission during this time and areas may not be blocked off from public access. Additional rooms or extended hours may be added upon request pending availability.

### When can set up begin?

Set-up in exhibit spaces can begin at 5 pm on public admission days. Events on Mondays and Tuesdays may begin within a time frame contracted with Chabot event coordinators. Deliveries may arrive at the assigned loading dock starting at 12 pm on the day of the event. Vendors may begin staging on the loading docks or in prep spaces at 3 pm so they can load in promptly at 5 pm.

### Who is responsible for event cleanup?

The client is responsible for the set-up and removal of all equipment used for their event, although this is typically handled by the caterer. All Chabot Preferred Caterers will take care of any food service cleanup during and after the event, including all rental equipment such as table, chairs, flatware, glassware, etc.

### If we rent a space at your facility, can our guests roam through the entire center?

No. Spaces not reserved remain off limits to guests, unless special admission has been arranged.

## Pricing

### What is the cost of the venue rental?

Pricing varies by the date and venue spaces selected. Please contact us for a customized [phone](#) or [video](#) consultation.

### What is included in the rental price?

- Cost of rental facility
- Regular security service for evening events
- Parking
- On-site facility coordinator
- Up to two 1-hour planning walkthroughs
- Taxes and service fees

# 2026–2027 Pricing



## Meetings, Team Building, Conferences

### Theaters

Prices per 2-hour Increment	Per 2-hour Increment		7-hour Rental		Capacity
	With Venue	Stand-Alone	With Venue	Stand-Alone	
The Planetarium*	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,900	\$7,900	241
The Theater*	\$1,900	\$2,400	\$4,200	\$5,900	205

- Basic supported audio and laptop connectivity in the Planetarium or Theater is included, or for a dedicated technician, refer to Chabot’s Recommended A/V vendors for seamless production.

\*Includes 1 Planetarium show or Theater Laser Show in rented time.

\*\*The Planetarium or Theater are rentable as stand-alone venues Sundays-Fridays. For Saturdays, consider the Written in the Stars or Across the Universe Packages, or contact us for a customized proposal.

### Classrooms & Labs

Location	Hourly Rate	Full-day Rate	Seated	Standing
Classroom 1	\$300	\$1,900	36	45
Classroom 2	\$300	\$1,900	30	35
Classroom 3	\$200	\$1,500	36	45
Classroom 4	\$200	\$1,500	36	45
Classrooms 3 & 4 (joined)	\$350	\$2,500	72	90
Lab 1	\$150		45	60
Lab 2	\$150		45	60

- Includes tables and chairs.
- Meeting rooms include audio and laptop connectivity, projection and screens. Please bring VGA-compatible adapters.

### Chabot Observatory (Complete)

Sun–Thurs	Fri & Sat	Capacity
7 hrs @ \$6,200	2 hrs @ \$2,900*	175

\*The complete Observatory is only available for private rental from 5–7 PM, after museum closing and before regularly scheduled public telescope viewing, including setup and cleanup time. Ideal for ceremonies or cocktail hours, event guests are invited to rejoin the public telescope viewing after 7:30 PM.

### Private Telescope Viewings

Price per 2-hour Increment

Telescope	Sun–Thurs
1 Telescope	\$1,500
2 Telescopes	\$1,800
3 Telescopes	\$2,100

- If viewing conditions are less than optimal, the telescopes will still be open for visitation and astronomer docent experiences when rented. Viewing is included with the general public on Friday and Saturday evenings.

# 2026–2027 Pricing



## Dining & Banquet Areas

Location	7-hour Rental		December & Holidays		Capacity	
	Sun–Fri	Sat	Sun–Thurs	Fri & Sat	Seated	Standing
Full Facility (not incl. planetarium, theater, or telescopes)	\$13,900	\$15,900	\$14,900	\$16,900	800	1,500
Entire Spees Building with Courtyard	\$9,500	\$10,900	\$10,500	\$12,900	450	700
Spees Building: Level 1	\$6,900	N/A	\$7,500	N/A	150	250
Spees Building: Level 2	\$6,900	N/A	\$7,500	N/A	80	175
Spees Building: Courtyard	\$5,200	N/A	\$6,500	N/A	200	300
Dellums Building: Studio 3	\$7,900	\$9,500	\$7,900	\$10,500	250	400



# 2026–2027 Pricing



## Wedding & Event Packages

Combinations of spaces for ceremonies, cocktail hours, and receptions.

Packages have a 15% price increase on holidays and in December.

Indoor Packages	Sun–Fri	Sat	Venues	Capacity
Across the Universe	\$12,900	\$14,900	7 hours total; Planetarium ceremony (2 hrs total access) overlaps with cocktail hour in Spees Building Level 2, reception in Studio 3.	240
Written in the Stars	\$10,500	\$12,900	7 hours total; Planetarium (2 hrs total access) overlaps with Spees Building access (7 hrs): Levels 1, 2, & Courtyard.	240
Saturn’s Rings	\$8,900	N/A	7 hours total; Planetarium (2 hrs total access) overlaps with Spees Building access (7 hrs): Choose between Level 1 or 2.	100

In/Outdoor Package	Sun–Fri	Sat	Venues	Capacity
Moonlight	\$8,900	\$10,900	7 hours total; Observatory (2 hrs total access) overlaps with Studio 3 access (7 hrs).	175
New Horizons	\$7,500	N/A	7 hours total; Courtyard (2 hrs total access) overlaps with Spees Building Level 1 access (7 hrs).	130

Outdoor Packages	Pricing	Venues	Capacity
Pleiades	Sun–Fri Eve: \$5,200	7 hrs in Courtyard and Amphitheater	130
Open Sky	Sun–Thurs: \$6,200	7 hours total; Observatory (7 hrs total access) to include 2 hours of scheduled guided telescope viewings, weather permitting.	100

Elopement Packages*	Pricing	Venues	Capacity
Elopement Package 1	Sun–Fri: \$2,500	1 hr Planetarium ceremony + Planetarium show (showtimes vary in length)	50
Elopement Package 2	Sun–Thurs: \$2,500	3 hours total; Observatory (3 hrs total access) to include 1 hour of scheduled guided telescope viewings, weather permitting.	50

\*Elopement Packages are not eligible for additional hours.

*“We had so many guests tell us that this was the most unique and fun wedding they’ve ever attended. With all the personal touches Chabot provided and allowed us to incorporate, it never felt like a one-size-fits-all venue. Where else can you get a laser show!?”*

**Rhys**

# Add-on Event Support Items



Add-ons available through Chabot.

For expanded offerings and enhanced experiences, please refer to our preferred vendor list.

## Audio/Visual

Item/Package	Price per item	Quantity Available	Description
<b>Audio</b>			
Microphone + Speaker	\$150	2	Wireless microphone with bluetooth speaker
Reception Package	\$300	1	Wired Microphone with stand, Powered Mixer, and 2 Medium Speakers with Stands
<b>Visual/Lighting</b>			
LCD Projector	\$125	1	
Tripod Projection Screen	\$125	1	
Mobile Projection Package	\$300	1	Cart Projector, Tripod Screen, 1 Speaker with Stand, Microphone
Inflatable Outdoor Movie Screen	\$350	1	Cart Projector, 2 Speakers with Stand, Powered Mixer, Inflatable Screen
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Easel	\$10	5	
Power Point Advancer	\$10	4	
Flip Chart with Markers	\$25	4	
Extension Cord or Power Strip	\$10	5	

## Additional Hours

Item	Price per item
Extended Hospitality Room Hours	\$75/hour
Additional Hospitality Room	20% Rental rate discount
<b>Additional Event Hours</b>	
One building rented	\$700/hour
Two buildings rented	\$900/hour

\* Maximum of 2 additional hours may be added. Events exceeding 9 total rental hours require custom arrangements.

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## Refreshments

Item/Package	Price	Description
Light Snacks	\$10 per person	Can include items like trail mix, popcorn, cookies, chips
Non-Alcoholic Beverages- Afternoon	\$10 per person	Still & sparkling water, sodas
Non-Alcoholic Beverages- Morning	\$15 per person	Coffee, tea, still & sparkling water
Alcoholic Beverages & Light Snacks	\$25 per person	Beer, Wine, Seltzer / can include items like trail mix, popcorn, cookies, chips. Available with 30+ days advance request. Minimum of 10 people. Limit two drinks per person.

## Furniture

Item	Quantity Available	Price per item
Table 60" Round	11	\$15
Table Cocktail (High Boy)	4	\$10
Table 6' Rectangular	15	\$14
Black Classroom Chairs	140	\$3
Grey Cafe Chairs	60	\$3
Bar Chairs	4	\$15
Heat Lamps (including fuel)	4	\$100
Stage Panels: 4'x8', 24" tall	2	\$200
Pop up shade tent 10' x 10'	2	\$40
Podium	1	\$50

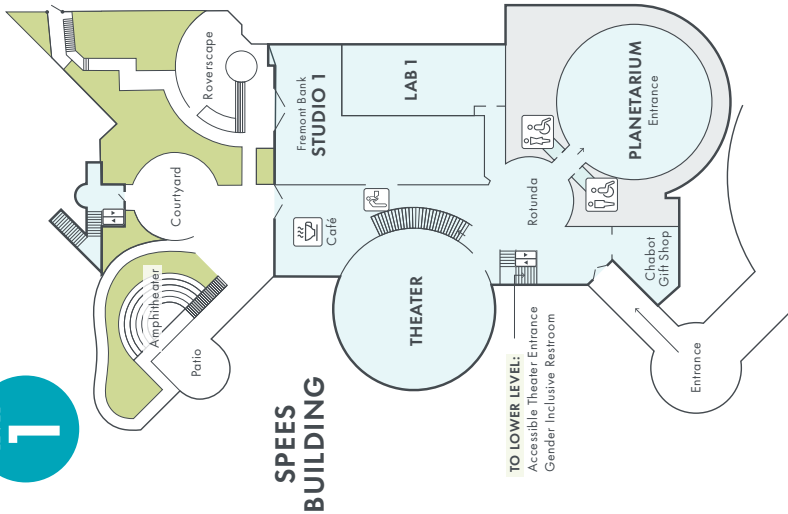
## Staff

Item	Price
Additional Security Officers	\$650 each officer per 7-hour shift
Event support staff	\$350
Post-event custodial	\$500 + \$100/hour

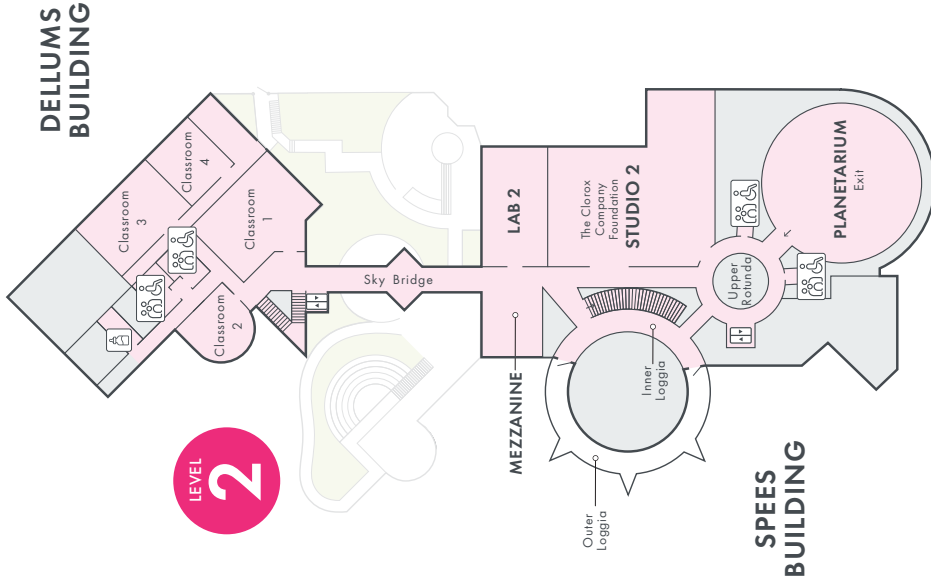
# EXHIBITIONS

FREMONT BANK	NASA Ames Visitor Center
<b>STUDIO 1</b>	Asfrolight, Going the Distance
THE CLOROX COMPANY FOUNDATION	CoLab
<b>STUDIO 2</b>	Universe Unveiled
HAROLD GRUENER	
<b>STUDIO 3</b>	
<b>OBSERVATION DECK</b>	

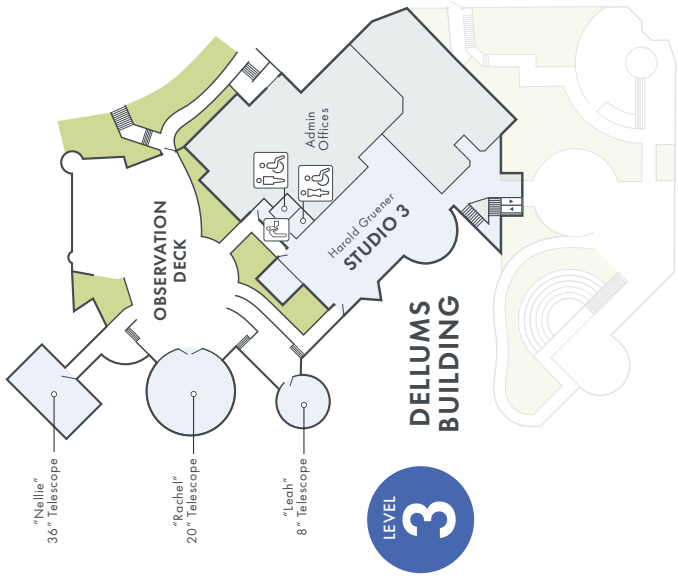
LEVEL 1



TO LOWER LEVEL:  
Accessible Theater Entrance  
Gender Inclusive Restroom



LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3

GENDER INCLUSIVE RESTROOM	WOMEN'S RESTROOM	ACCESSIBLE
NURSING STATION	MEN'S RESTROOM	DRINKING FOUNTAIN
Located on level 2 (additional inclusive restroom on Lower Level)		
Located on levels 1 and 3		
ELEVATOR		