MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS
PICTURE PERFECT EVENTS

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Nestled in the heart of Balboa Park, the Museum of Photographic Arts offers a picture perfect venue with exclusive access to world renowned photography and the Park’s historic splendor. MOPA’s sophisticated setting is perfect for private parties, corporate gatherings, wedding receptions and fundraisers.
The museum’s David C. Copley Atrium flaunts minimalist style with dramatic 24-foot high ceilings, sky lights, and porcelain travertine flooring. Rental of the atrium includes private access to 6,500 square feet of spacious galleries and MOPA’s renowned photography exhibitions.

**CAPACITY**
- Seated dinner for 140 guests
- Standing receptions for 175 guests

**PLEASE NOTE**
The atrium price includes one event lead and two security guards. Event team is responsible for load in, table and chair set up, event security, strike, load out and cleaning. MOPA tables are included in rental fee. All events can begin at 6:00 pm and must end by 11:00 pm. The atrium + theater price includes all of the above in addition to a Projectionist for (4) hours. A wedding planner and rehearsal are required for all wedding ceremonies held at MOPA.

**USAGE FEES**
*Amount includes complimentary tables and set up*

**Sunday through Friday:**
- Atrium: $4,250
- Atrium + Theater: $5,000
- Atrium + Theater with rehearsal: $5,500

**Saturday:**
- Atrium + Theater: $5,500
- Atrium + Theater with rehearsal: $6,000

**Additional Items:**
- PA system: $750 (Includes A/V technician)
- Permit for Botanical Lawn space for cocktail hour: $172 pending City approval.
MOPA’s theater offers state-of-the-art audio/visual technology and a stunning twinkle star ceiling perfect for lectures, conferences, wedding ceremonies and other events.

**FEATURES**
- 226 guest accommodation
- Dolby cinema surround sound system
- Christie Solaria One Digital Cinema Projection System
- Panasonic digital projector
- 18’ wide and 8’ deep thrust stage
- Programmable stage and house lighting
- Dual Strong 35 mm film projectors with automatic changeover
- 16 mm sound projector
- Oppo Region Free Blu-ray player
- Maximum screen 24’ wide and 12’ high with variable masking system
- Automatic black velvet curtain to cover screen
- Discrete house sound system flown above stage
- ALS system

**USAGE FEES**
- Sunday through Friday: $1,975
- Saturday: $2,150
- Projectionist: $50/hour (4 hour minimum)
- Event Manager: $25/hour (4 hour minimum)
- Additional hours: $100/hour

**PLEASE NOTE**
All theater events assume a four hour usage period including set and strike. Additional hours will be billed according to labor and usage rates. Food and beverage are prohibited in the theater.

The theater is fully ADA compliant, including a wheelchair lift for stage, as well as five wheelchair accessible seating positions.
MOPA’s private Board Room offers a sophisticated environment, ideal for meetings, workshops or seminars.

FEATURES
- Custom-designed cherry wood executive board table seats 20
- Additional sideline seating for 15
- Multiple firewalled Wi-Fi networks
- Dedicated phone extension
- Adjustable LED lighting and A/C
- 5’H x 7’ W drop down screen
- High bar for food and beverage presentation

USAGE FEES
- $500
- Event Manager: $25/hour (4 hour minimum)
Event guests enjoy exclusive access to MOPA’s world-class exhibitions featuring a diverse array of styles, from classic works by Ansel Adams to the iconic, contemporary images of Jerry Uelsmann.
NEED TO KNOW

When planning an event, whether it’s your big day, a holiday party or some other fabulous fête, we understand you’ll have some questions. We’re here to help.

ETCETERA

- There are several Balboa Park ceremony sites located within close proximity of MOPA. Visit www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/balboa/permitsites.shtml for further details.
- MOPA requires selecting a caterer from our preferred professionals list.
- MOPA clients can choose the beverage caterer of their choice.
- Bubbles, confetti and flower petals cannot be thrown within MOPA.
- Amplified music is permitted indoors and must end by 11:00 pm.
- The event host must provide a certificate of insurance listing the Museum of Photographic Arts and the City of San Diego as additionally insured on the event date. $1 million liability and $2 million aggregate is required.
- The intentional covering of art is prohibited.
- Red wine is permitted.
- 5% military discount extended to all active duty service men and women.
- LGBTQ friendly.

The items listed above are a partial list of policies and procedures for events held at MOPA. For additional questions and help planning your special event, please contact MOPA’s Special Event Manager Melissa Pfeiffer at 619.238.7559 X290.
LISTEN IN

“We had our wedding ceremony across the street from MOPA and then had the dinner and dancing reception at MOPA this past August. It was the PERFECT setting and we could not have asked for more.” - Ally C.

“The facility is absolutely gorgeous. Your staff were the most friendly and helpful people. I would highly recommend your location to anyone who is looking for the picture perfect setting for any event.” - Mary W.

“The Museum of Photographic Arts was the perfect venue for our wedding. The staff accomodated all of our needs and the execution was flawless. They made one of the most important nights of our lives a resounding success. I would recomend MOPA to anyone planning a large event.” - Ryan B.

“As a professional florist I have worked with many different wedding venues over the years and I can say that I have never run across one where I was as impressed with staff as much as this one.” - Gregory R.

“We had our wedding reception at the museum and could not have been happier with our choice of venue. The museum provides a contemporary look and feel, while providing an awesome location in the historic Balboa Park, with all the wonderful photo opportunities.” - Oleg B.
We work with some of the best vendors everyday. Here’s a list of our favorites.

**PREFERRED PARTNERS**

**CATERING**

The Abbey Catering and Event Design Company  
P: 866.535.8949  W: theabbeycatering.com

Coast Catering & Crown Rentals, Chelsea Madden  
P: 877.577.1718  W: coastcatering.com  
E: chelsea@coastcatering.com

Continental Catering, Christie Radican  
P: 619.698.3500  W: continentalcateringSD.com  
E: christie@continentalcateringSD.com

The Prado, Marcy Melley  
P: 619.557.9441  X202  W: pradobalboa.com

Toast Catering, Jaclyn Selby  
P: 619.795.9135  W: toastcatering.com

The Wild Thyme Company, Jeanna Grant  
P: 858.527.0226  W: thewildthymecompany.com

**FLORALS**

Green Fresh Florals, Carlos Franco  
P: 619.544.0504  W: greenfloralsd.com

**BAR & BEVERAGE**

Snake Oil Cocktail Company, Michael Esposito  
P: 858.754.9173  W: snakeoilcocktail.com  
E: events@snakeoilcocktail.com

**OTHER SERVICES**

Choice Entertainment, Matt Phipps  
P: 858.869.9730  W: SandiegoWeddingDJ.net

The Sofia Hotel, Amy Ragsdale-Hamilton  
P: 619.516.8202  W: thesofiahotel.com

Magical Moments by Megan, Megan Tinio  
P: 760.954.8983  W: magicalmomentsbymegan.com

Bliss Events, Rachel Welland  
P: 619.252.1058  W: blissevent.com

Thomas Bui Lifestyle, LLC, Thomas Bui  
P: 858.663.8516  W: thomasbui lifestyle.com

Stacey Keck Photo, Stacy Keck  
P: 619.459.4610  W: stacykeckphoto.com
Thank you for thinking of the Museum of Photographic Arts for your special event. Book with us and we’ll make sure it’s picture perfect for you and your guests.

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