MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS
PICTURE PERFECT EVENTS

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Nestled in the heart of Balboa Park, the Museum of Photographic Arts @SDMA offers a picture perfect venue with exclusive access to world renowned photography and the Park’s historic splendor. The Museum offers a sophisticated setting, 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 renowned photography exhibitions.

**CAPACITY**
- Seated dinner for 150 guests
- Standing receptions for 175 guests

**PLEASE NOTE**
The atrium price includes event support and security guards. Event team is responsible for load in, load out and cleaning. All events can begin at 6:00 pm and must end by 11:00 pm.

A wedding planner and rehearsal are required for all weddings held at MOPA.

**USAGE FEES**
*As of July 1, 2023*
- Atrium: $4,750
- Atrium + Theater: $5,500
- Atrium + Theater with rehearsal: $6,000

The Museum offers a 10% discount on venue pricing for military and non-profit organizations.

The Museum has a separate process associated with on-site A/V staffing and A/V equipment for rent. Please contact the Special Events Office for more information.
The Joan and Irwin Jacobs 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**  
*As of July 1, 2023*
- $2,150
- 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 and (5) wheelchair accessible seating positions.

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The Museum'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**
- $750
- Additional labor fees may be charged based on length of event
Event guests enjoy exclusive access to world-class exhibitions featuring a diverse array of styles, from classic works by Ansel Adams to the iconic, contemporary images of Jerry Uelsmann.
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.

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- There are several Balboa Park ceremony sites located within close proximity of Museum. 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 must use the preferred vendor Craft in the Park for all beverage catering.
- 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.
- LGBTQ friendly.

The items listed above are a partial list of policies and procedures for events at MOPA @SDMA. For additional questions contact the Museum’s Senior Manager of Events and Community Partnerships, Melissa Pfeiffer at 619.238.7559 X290.
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“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 accommodated 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 recommend 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.

CATERING
The Abbey Catering & Event Design Co.
858.777.0255 W: theabbeycatering.com

Coast Catering & Crown Rentals
760.212.7780 W: Coastcatering.com

Feast on This
858.597.0740 W: feastonthis.com

The French Gourmet
858.488.1725 W: thefrenchgourmet.com

Harvest Kitchen
619.607.1300 W: harvestkitchen.com

Oh My Board
619.852.1270 W: ombsd.org

MIHO
619.323.2866 W: amihoexperience.com

Terra Catering & Events
619.993.1437 W: terracatering.com

The Wild Thyme Co.
858.527.0226 W: thewildthymecompany.com

Parakeet Café
619.941.7175 W: parakeetcafe.com/catering/

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

BAR & BEVERAGE
Craft in the Park, Clea Hantman
P: 619.252.9559
E: clea@blindladyalehouse.com

OTHER SERVICES
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

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 @SDMA for your special event. Book with us and we’ll make sure it’s picture perfect for you and your guests.