



WEDDINGS



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WEDDINGS & SOCIAL EVENTS

Unique, sophisticated, and home to some of the most important art of our time, the MCA also boasts an Atrium, Terrace, and Sculpture Garden with striking views of Lake Michigan. These customizable accommodations are perfect for designing a truly contemporary event.

SPACE CAPACITY		INDOORS	OUTDOORS
Ceremony	Seated	200	200
Reception	Seated	300	200
Cocktails, etc.	Standing	400	400

FAQS FOR WEDDINGS

Can I host my wedding ceremony at the MCA?

Yes! The MCA would love to serve as the venue for your wedding ceremony and reception. While we have a variety of unique spaces, we recommend the Sculpture Garden or the Lower Terrace, which overlooks Lake Michigan, for an outdoor wedding. For an indoor wedding, we suggest the MCA's fourth-floor lobby, which is adjacent to our main exhibition galleries and features a panoramic view of the city.

Do I need a wedding planner?

Yes! We require all clients to hire a wedding planner so that you and your partner can have the most relaxing experience possible on your wedding day. If you need wedding planner recommendations, we are happy to provide you with a list of professionals who have experience working on events at the MCA.

If my wedding ceremony is at the MCA, can I also have my rehearsal there?

Yes! Please notify us no less than two weeks prior to your wedding date if you would like to have a wedding rehearsal at the MCA. Wedding rehearsals are based on space availability and must be completed by 5 pm.

Do you have any exclusive vendors?

Yes! MCA Catering is our exclusive in-house catering partner. All food and beverage (including alcohol) for your event must be purchased through MCA Catering. Tenting for events must also be provided by our approved tenting vendor, and additional lawn maintenance fees will apply. Please contact us for more details.

Can I place a hold on an event date?

Yes! In order to place a hold on the MCA, we ask that you schedule a site visit with a member of our team. After your visit, we are happy to place a complimentary 14-day hold on your preferred event date. At the end of the 14-day window, we can either release the hold or proceed with officially booking your event. Due to high demand, we cannot hold a date for more than 14 days, unless otherwise discussed.







GENERAL FAQs

Is there parking for my guests?

Yes! The MCA has a convenient public parking garage located at Chicago Avenue and Fairbanks Court. All guests and vendors are offered our flat-rate parking discount during your event. Guests can validate their parking at coat check. Fully paid parking vouchers are also available for purchase. Please contact us for more details. Find additional information and directions to the MCA at mcachicago.org/visit/directions.

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What MCA staff will be on-site on my event day? Managers from the MCA Rental and MCA Catering teams will be on site from start to finish on your event day—from setup until every vendor leaves the building. The MCA also provides security, housekeeping, and a building engineer on-site during the hours of your event.

Are the art galleries open during my event?

Galleries can be opened for an additional fee. Food and drink are not permitted inside of the galleries.

Do you have tables and chairs?

The MCA is pleased to offer complimentary use of our tables and lounge furniture on site. We have 66-inch-round tables, high tops, café tables, and various lounge furniture pieces. Ceremony and dinner chairs are not included in the rental fee, and will need to be rented via an external vendor. Please contact us for more details.

Is coat check available?

Yes! In our standard rental fee, complimentary coat check services are included.

Do you offer AV services?

Yes! For an additional fee, the MCA can provide certain AV services for your event. The MCA AV team are experts of the venue and will be with you every step of the way to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Is setup or breakdown time included in my rental fee?

Yes! We allow vendors to begin loading one-and-a-half hours prior to the start of your event (ex. 4:30 pm for a 6 pm start). We also include one-and-a-half hours of breakdown once your event ends. If your vendors require an extensive setup or breakdown, please notify us to discuss their specific needs. We will do our best to accommodate.

Is the MCA wheelchair accessible?

Yes! The MCA has accessible entrances, elevators, and restrooms.



GENERAL FAQs CON.

What is required to book my event at the MCA?

The museum requires a 50% nonrefundable deposit with a signed facility rental contract. Your final facility rental balance is due six weeks prior to your event. MCA Catering also requires a signed catering contract and a nonrefundable deposit at the time of booking. Catering must be paid for in full by the week prior to your event.

Do you have any preferred hotel partners?

Yes! The MCA is pleased to have preferred hotel partners, such as the Park Hyatt Chicago, Aloft Mag Mile, the Whitehall Hotel, The Robey, and Sonesta Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile. Please contact them directly for rates and availability. Be sure to mention that you are hosting your event at the MCA.

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Can I set up a site visit?

Yes! We would be happy to set up a personal site visit with you to show you the museum and discuss your event. Site visits take place Tuesday-Thursday during office hours (10am-4pm). Visits typically take 30-45 minutes. Please contact us to set up a time.



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