

Wedding Ceremony and Reception Rental Information

Founded in 1951, The Birmingham Museum of Art is one of the largest municipal museums in the Southeast. The outstanding permanent collection has more than 27,000 objects representing a rich panorama of cultures, including Asian, European, American, African, Pre-Columbian, and Native American.

In addition to a variety of indoor event areas, the Charles W. Ireland Sculpture Garden and Red Mountain Garden Club Memorial Garden provide a beautiful outdoor atmosphere that is considered a work of art themselves.

Hours of Availability

- Wedding ceremonies and receptions are held in our public spaces listed below after the Museum closes to the public at 5:00pm on Saturday and Sundays.
- Décor set up may begin at 9:00am on the day of the event while we are open to the public; an earlier set up time must be approved by the Special Events Manager.
- Ceremony rehearsals are dependent upon availability on the Museum calendar.

Contribution, Maximum Capacities and Overhead Fees

The contribution for a wedding ceremony and reception is \$6,000.00, of which a portion is tax deductible.
It allows you the use of the public spaces for your event. The tax-deductible amount is determined by subtracting the regular rates of event spaces used from the contribution fee. Rates apply as follows:

Oscar's Café \$700.00 Regular Rate

250 Seated Ceremony 150-200 Seated Dinner 400 Standing Reception

*Additional cost for earlier set up time in space

8th Avenue Lobby \$500.00 *Regular Rate*

125 Seated Ceremony 70 Seated Dinner

140 Standing Reception

Red Mountain Garden \$700.00 Regular Rate

50 Seated Ceremony70 Standing Reception

Charles Ireland Sculpture Garden \$1,000.00 Regular Rate

(Includes Upper Plaza & Red Mountain Garden) 500 Standing Reception - Upper Plaza

250 Seated Dinner- Upper Plaza 250-300 Seated Ceremony-Upper Plaza

- Overhead Fee: \$200.00-\$400.00 an hour covers after-hours cost for security and maintenance, charged prior to 9:00am on Saturdays and 11:00am on Sundays for building access and beginning at 5:00pm the day of the event. These charges accrue up to the time that guests/vendors have departed and the Museum staff has secured the building. See overhead fee options document for breakdown.
- Approximate space capacity is based on the layout/set up for the event and the fire code guidelines.