

A large, five-pointed star sculpture made of dark, angular panels, mounted on two large, tiered stone pedestals. The star is positioned in front of the Bullock Texas State History Museum building, which features arched windows and stone carvings. The sky is overcast and grey.

**BULLOCK TEXAS STATE
HISTORY MUSEUM**

VENUE GUIDE



BULLOCK TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM

Located in the heart of Austin, the Bullock Texas State History Museum is a premier event venue.

Host your guests amidst the backdrops of our striking bronze Lone Star sculpture on the plaza, the soaring spiral staircase of our rotunda, and the captivating architecture of our Grand Lobby. Our distinctive and versatile indoor spaces can be transformed to create elegant and memorable experiences for any event including weddings, galas, mitzvahs, holiday celebrations, corporate events, film screenings, and more. The Museum is fully ADA accessible, includes easy access for vans and buses, and features an on-site parking garage.



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GRAND LOBBY



The Grand Lobby of the Museum is an elegant space featuring our beautiful open rotunda, striking spiral staircase, colorful terrazzo mosaic, and impressive granite architecture.



The rotunda leads into our first floor lobby, a one-of-a-kind setting that your guests will remember forever. The lobby is flanked by soaring granite columns which frame the quotes of great Texans. The space is 9,750 sq. ft. and can seat up to 450 guests, accommodate 600 people standing, or host up to 525 people seated theater-style.



BOB BULLOCK ATRIUM



Located on the second floor of the Museum, the Bob Bullock Atrium is a perfect space for an intimate event.



Great for a cocktail hour or seated dinner, this location features an arched layout showcasing a statue of our namesake with a stunning view of the terrazzo mosaic and our Lone Star Plaza. The Bullock Atrium has 3,750 sq. ft. of space that comfortably seats up to 200 guests, host up to 250 standing, or accommodate 225 people seated theater style.



AUSTIN ROOM

The Austin Room, located on the third floor of the Bullock Texas State History Museum, is perfect for hosting everything from corporate meetings to social celebrations.

This versatile space is a blank canvas waiting to be turned into a spectacular experience for your guests. The Austin Room has 6,500 sq. ft. of space that can hold 350 people seated, 500 people standing, or up to 400 people seated theater style.





BOARDROOM



The Boardroom is a formal meeting space located on the fourth floor of the Museum.

With comfortable leather chairs and a bird's eye view of the rotunda, this space is ideal for executive and corporate off-site meetings, and seats up to 18 people.





TEXAS SPIRIT THEATER



The Texas Spirit Theater is Austin's only multisensory special effects theater that immerses visitors in the film with crackling lightning, pounding rain, and a few other surprises.

The theater's three screens are set behind a generously sized stage that can be customized for film screenings, presentations, and live music. In-house shows include *Star of Destiny*, a 16-minute overview of Texas history, and *Shipwrecked*, a 26-minute, live-action reenactment of the story of *La Belle*. The Texas Spirit Theater can seat 190 guests.



EXHIBITION GALLERIES

Our three floors of exhibition spaces explore more than 16,000 years of Texas history.

The Museum's Texas History Galleries and two special exhibition spaces showcase hundreds of original artifacts and innovative, immersive multimedia, providing an ever-changing experience and endless new stories.



RENTAL RATES

GRAND LOBBY	Friday & Saturday \$5,000 Sunday through Thursday \$4,500	This elegant space features impressive granite architecture, high ceilings, a three-story spiral staircase, and the rotunda with our colorful terrazzo mosaic floor. Perfect for weddings, corporate dinners, and galas. Available after 6:00 pm. CAPACITY: 450 SEATED, 600 STANDING, 525 THEATER STYLE 9,750 SQ. FT.
BOB BULLOCK ATRIUM	\$2,000	This space is well-suited for smaller groups, or may be used in conjunction with another space for larger events. Terrific for a cocktail hour or wedding ceremony, this atrium offers a great view of the mosaic below and holds a statue of our namesake Bob Bullock. Available after 6:00 pm. CAPACITY: 200 SEATED, 200-250 STANDING, 225 THEATER STYLE 3,750 SQ. FT.
AUSTIN ROOM	Night \$2,500 Day \$2,000	Located on the third floor of the Museum, this versatile room is a blank canvas for creating one-of-a-kind events. Great for meetings, luncheons or live music. Available for daytime and evening rentals. CAPACITY: 350 SEATED, 500 STANDING, 400 THEATER STYLE 6,500 SQ. FT.
THE STORY OF TEXAS CAFE	\$1,500	Enjoy table seating in our cafe and veranda with a view of the Lone Star Plaza. Ideal for a lounge area or gathering space during large events, the cafe provides additional seating in conjunction with the rental of another event space. Available after 6:00 pm. CAPACITY: 190 SEATED 3,700 SQ. FT.
TEXAS SPIRIT THEATER	\$1,800 Add-on \$1,300	Provide your guests additional entertainment with a screening of the Museum's Star of Destiny or Shipwrecked films that boast fun special effects. Available after 6:00 pm. Please inquire for more information on film screenings, presentations, and conferences. Daytime availability subject to approval. CAPACITY: 190 SEATED
MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS	Full access \$1,000 One level \$500	Give your guests a true Texas experience and explore three floors of engaging galleries and Texas history. The Museum is home to thousands of original artifacts, as well as rotating special exhibitions. There is always something new to see in the galleries. MUST BE RENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER OF THE MUSEUM'S EVENT SPACES. 34,000 SQ. FT.
BOARDROOM	Full day \$1,800 Half day \$1,000	A formal meeting room located on the 4th floor of the Museum with comfortable leather chairs and a bird's eye view of the rotunda. Ideal for executive and corporate off-site meetings. CAPACITY: 18 SEATED 825 SQ. FT.
LONE STAR PLAZA	\$1500	The Lone Star Plaza is the Museum's signature outdoor event space featuring the iconic bronze star. Its generous capacity makes this a versatile space for large events. Additional security required. Available after 6:00 pm. CAPACITY: 575 SEATED, 1,200 STANDING, 1,100 THEATER STYLE 8,694 SQ. FT.

Event Security

The Bullock Museum requires most events to have security provided by Texas Department of Public Safety Security, at a rate of \$95/hour per officer, with a 4.5 hour minimum.

For more information please contact the Events Department at Events@TheStoryofTexas.com.

The Bullock Museum offers a 20% discount on rentals for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.

All pricing is based on a four-hour minimum. Additional costs apply for rentals exceeding four hours.



SERVICE PARTNERS

The Bullock Texas State History Museum has designated service providers for Catering and Audio/Visual needs. All applicable services must be handled by one of the partners listed below.

CATERING	ROSEMARY'S CATERING	Rachel Sommer	(512) 840-6480 sales@therkgroup.com
	STERLING EVENTS	Emily Vidal	(512) 261-0142 sales@sterlingevenueaustin.com
A/V	ATOMIC PICNIC	Daniel Kuehm	(512) 385-4757 dkuehm@atomicpicnic.com atomicpicnic.com
	ATX EVENT SYSTEMS	Lauren Schumacher	(512) 827-3612 lauren@atxes.com atxevenysystems.com
	IDEAL PRODUCTIONS	Eric Hansen	(512) 628-1154 ehansen@idealproductions.com idealproductions.com
	SPACECRAFT ENTERTAINMENT	Jeff Hudson	(512) 774-4509 info@spacecraftentertainment.com spacecraftentertainment.com

Contact

These service providers have been selected by the Museum to enhance your event. Please contact Events@TheStoryofTexas.com with any questions.

All arrangements for Catering and Audio/Visual services are to be contracted directly between the Client and Provider.

In the event that the Museum's Preferred Providers are unable to provide or decline to provide the service required by Client, the Museum may approve the use of an outside provider.



VENUE RENTAL FAQ

How do I book an event at the Museum?

To inquire about availability, please email Events@TheStoryofTexas.com. We are happy to place a courtesy hold on your preferred date on a first come, first serve basis while you are in the initial planning stages for your event. If another party requests the same date, you will have two business days to move to contract and pay the deposit or release the space.

To secure the date, a signed Rental Agreement and deposit of 50% of the agreement total are required. The remaining balance is due 30 days prior to the event date. The Museum accepts checks made payable to the Texas State History Museum and all major credit cards.

When are the rental spaces available?

Spaces are available for a 4 hour period, between 6:00 pm – 12:00 am, with an additional hour allotted for loadout and clean up. The Grand Lobby and Bob Bullock Atrium are not available for events during Museum operating hours, however, daytime functions can be hosted in the Austin Room, Texas Spirit Theater, and IMAX® Theatre pending availability.

The Bullock Museum is closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays but remains available for private events.

What time can setup start?

Standard access to the Museum and loading dock for all vendors and clients is at 3:00 pm on the day of the event. Vendors and clients are asked to be respectful of Museum guests and maintain a low volume until the Museum closes to the public at 5:00 pm. If additional load in time is needed, early load in requires pre-approval and may be arranged for an additional cost.

Is exhibition access included?

Exhibit access is not included with rental spaces but can be added on for an additional cost. Please note that food and beverage are not permitted in the exhibits for artifact preservation purposes.

What services are offered?

Our rental rates include an onsite event coordinator that will assist you and your vendors with building access and organization, oversee the event's set up and break down, and be available throughout the event to ensure the entire process runs smoothly. Please keep in mind that we do not provide full event planning services.

What is not included in the rental rates?

The base Museum rental rate does not include exhibit access, catering, equipment rentals, liability insurance, audio and visual services, decor, entertainment, or outside vendors. The Bullock Events team does not provide full service planning, but can provide support and insight throughout the process.

Though not required, the Bullock team recommends and encourages working with a professional event planner for weddings and other significant celebrations.

Are discounts available?

A 20% discount on rental rates is available for nonprofit organizations, local state and government entities, and University of Texas clients. The discount is only applicable for events booked Sunday through Thursday. Discounts are not applicable to IMAX theatre rentals.

Does the Museum require insurance?

Yes, the Museum requires all private clients to provide a certificate of liability insurance, with the museum named as additional insured, at least 30 days prior to the event. Please inquire for specifics related to State agencies and the University of Texas events.

What if I need to reschedule or cancel my event?

You have the flexibility to reschedule an event up to 30 days prior to the contracted date. Within 30 days of the event, there is a \$250.00 rescheduling fee, and the date change must be approved first by Bullock Events Staff and made official through a contract amendment.

Cancellations 90 days or more prior to the event are eligible for a refund. Within 90 days of the event, canceling will result in a forfeiture of the deposit.

VENUE RENTAL FAQ

Does the Museum have preferred vendors?

Yes, the Museum has a list of designated catering companies for clients to choose from and a list of approved AV vendors.

There are no restrictions on other vendor services and our team is happy to provide you with names of vendors who have worked in the Museum before and delivered professional service to their clients. Please note that vendors must be approved by Bullock Events Staff at least 2 weeks prior to the event date.

Can we use an outside caterer or work with a caterer not on your list?

The Museum has designated caterers for events. If one of our caterers cannot provide a specific service, an outside caterer may be approved by the Museum on a case by case basis.

Restrictions do not apply to specialty desserts such as wedding cakes.

Can we provide our own alcohol?

All alcoholic beverage services must be handled by a Museum caterer, in accordance with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws. Outside alcohol is not permitted on the premises. Alcohol-only events will not be permitted in the Museum.

Can we store anything overnight?

The Museum has limited storage space and no items may be delivered in advance of load in or left in the Museum overnight after an event. Any left behind items will be handled according to the Museum's lost and found policy.

Can we host a wedding ceremony rehearsal?

A one-hour wedding ceremony rehearsal is included in the wedding rental rate and must be pre-arranged with Bullock Events Staff.

What is the Museum's photography policy?

A one-hour photo session is available to all wedding clients. The client must provide their own photographer and pre-arrange the date and time for the photoshoot with Bullock Event Staff. Personal use photography is allowed in rental and exhibition spaces. Any professional photography and other inquiries should be directed to the Museum's Marketing Department.

Can merchandise be sold at an event?

Any sale of outside merchandise is not permitted on Museum property. With prior coordination, the Museum Store can remain open during an event for an additional cost.

Does the Museum have parking?

Complimentary parking is available to guests after 5:00 pm in the Museum garage the day of the event. The capacity of the Museum parking garage is 400 vehicles.

Daytime parking for event guests is available in the Museum garage at the daily rate of \$10.00. Parking is subject to availability and capacity.

I lost something at an event held at the Museum. How do I get it back?

Please email us at Events@TheStoryofTexas.com and we can check to see if the item was turned in. Lost items can be picked up with Visitor Services in the Museum or IMAX lobby during normal business hours.