

GRPM Wedding Guidelines.

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Wedding Ceremonies

Ceremonies can be held outdoors on our southeast lawn. You may also hold a ceremony indoors in our Meijer Theater or Chaffee Planetarium. All ceremonies include a one-hour rehearsal during open business hours of GRPM the day before the wedding with an event coordinator and audiovisual staff (if applicable) in attendance. Ceremony rehearsals are subject to availability based on scheduled events at GRPM. On the day of your wedding you can enjoy a large dressing room, perfect for putting on the final touches.



Meijer Theater

\$1,000

Wedding ceremonies in our spacious Meijer Theater include theater seating for 255 guests and full audiovisual capabilities.



Outdoor Lawn

\$1,000

Wedding ceremonies held on the Museum's scenic southeast lawn offer a spectacular view of the Grand River and downtown Grand Rapids. Tent and chairs not included.



Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium

\$1,500

Ceremonies held under the night sky in our Planetarium include seating for 147 and full audiovisual capabilities.

GRPM is not responsible for any external factors that may affect outdoor events including, but not limited to, outdoor functions outside of Museum property, construction, weather, etc.

All wedding ceremonies may start no earlier than 6:00 pm and require a wedding reception to also be held at the GRPM.

Wedding Receptions

Book your memorable and unique wedding at the Grand Rapids Public Museum!

Wedding receptions are held on the first floor of the Museum. Maximum capacity is 275 guests for a seated dinner and 350 guests for a cocktail-style reception. Wedding receptions can begin anytime 6 p.m. or later and require a 100 person minimum.

*A \$1,500 fee will be applied for all parties under 100 people.

What's Included:

- Entire first floor of the Museum, including galleria with built-in dance floor, the *Streets of Old Grand Rapids*, use of the Carousel and all first floor exhibits
- Tables and chairs
- Champagne flutes, cake knife/server and card box
- Wireless handheld microphone for toasts and announcements
- GRPM event staff to help coordinate your special day

Rental Costs:

- \$2,000 for 4 hours (Monday - Thursday)
- \$3,000 for 4 hours (Friday - Sunday)
- \$500 for an additional fifth hour
- * February and March weddings will receive a fifth hour free! (\$500 value)

**Wedding reception only: Use of a dressing room will be charged a \$200 rental fee per four hour block (no charge with wedding ceremonies).

Add-Ons:

Private Courtyard Space with outdoor access from the first floor reception space (\$600)

Cocktail Hour Planetarium Show (\$500 per show)



Wedding Rental Guidelines

- Rentals should not interfere with normal operations of the Museum or the public experience. Functions must not compromise the Museum's mandate to care for and preserve its Collections.
- Museum exhibitions, Collections and furnishings may not be altered or removed. Exhibitions are subject to change without notice.
- The GRPM is not responsible for what decor, decorations, or exhibit installations will be in place during your event.
- The GRPM is a smoke-free environment.
- The Museum reserves the right to waive or modify the stated guidelines.
- All prices are subject to change.
- The Museum requires a 100 person minimum for all evening events.
- Events may begin at or after 6 p.m., and the rental period may not extend past 12 a.m.
- All events subject to management approval. False information provided for events automatically voids contract.
- All proceeds benefit and support the programs and activities of the GRPM.

Reservations

All reservations must be coordinated through the Hospitality Office of the GRPM. All inquiries should be directed to the Hospitality Department at hospitality@grpm.org. A single contact person must be designated in all matters regarding event arrangements. The designee indicated on the signed agreement is the only person allowed to make changes to the event.

Event deposits and payment

A 50% deposit is required to confirm a reservation. All rental prices are subject to Michigan's 6% sales tax. All December events require a 100% non-refundable deposit to confirm. All credit card purchases are subject to a 3% convenience fee.

Cancellation Policy

Should a cancellation occur 120 days or more prior to the scheduled event, 50% of the total deposit paid will be refunded. If the cancellation occurs less than 120 days prior to the scheduled event, the deposit cannot be refunded. There will be no deposits refunded on cancellations of events scheduled to occur in the month of December.

Food Service

Caterers must be selected from the pre-authorized list of caterers. All caterers are subject to an 18% catering royalty charge, which they pay directly to the Museum, allowing them use of our kitchen and facility. All Saturday events are expected to purchase food when renting the GRPM. Should a client have no food service or have donated food service for a Saturday event, there will be a minimum \$500 charge.

Set-up & Delivery

Evening events may begin at 6:00 p.m. or later. Set-up for evening events may begin at 3:30 p.m. Set-up and start times for daytime events are available at 9:00 a.m. Same day set-up and tear-down is required. All vendors must set up and tear down all provided decor. Museum event coordinators are available to assist clients and vendors in setting up and tearing down. All deliveries and event personnel must enter through the Museum's security office/ loading dock, located on Front Street. If Hospitality staff is assisting in the set-up or tear-down, the Museum will not be held responsible for damaged items. Anything left over must be picked up that night or the morning following the event. The Museum is not responsible for items left overnight.

Outside Services

All entertainment, musicians, photographers and rental equipment (i.e. tents, chairs, piano, etc.) must be cleared through the Hospitality Office. Quad speakers or systems that need to be wired across the dance floor will not be allowed in the Museum. The individual, group or organization seeking use of the GRPM assumes liability for damage to the Museum and exhibits by the lessee's contractors, if any, such as florists, musicians, rental companies, etc. who are hired to provide services.

Decorations

Decorations and specialty lighting must be coordinated with the Hospitality Office. Votive candles and hurricane enclosed candles are permitted for tabletops, but are not permitted in exhibit areas. No glitter, confetti, bubbles, helium-inflated balloons, untreated wood or live animals are permitted in the Museum. The building must be clear one half-hour after the event's scheduled end-time, or there will be a \$500 staffing fee.

Miscellaneous

If you are pursuing media coverage for your event, please contact VP of Marketing and Public Relations, Kate Kocienski, at kkocienski@grpm.org or 616.929.1713.

The Museum is not responsible for any damage incurred while riding the carousel. The carousel is an actual amusement park ride and does have moving parts that contain grease, which may cause damage to clothing.

Beverage Service

We would be happy to assist you in your selection of alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages. Please contact Jim Ackerman at 616.929.1718 or jackerman@grpm.org.

Food and beverages are permitted in all pre-approved areas only and may not be removed from the premises. All food and beverage sales are subject to state sales tax and selected caterer's service fees. All bars will close one half-hour prior to the end of the event. Beverage service must be provided through the Museum's beverage services and served in accordance with city and state liquor licensing regulations. These services include cash and sponsored bars, champagne toasts, wine service, etc.

- The GRPM must provide all alcoholic beverages.
- All beverage selections must be finalized at least 30 days prior to the event.
- The Beverage Service Agreement requires a non-refundable \$500 deposit.
- A guaranteed number of guests must be made at least ten (10) days before your event. We are not responsible for beverage services over the guaranteed number of guests. If no final number is given, you will be charged for the original number indicated on the Beverage Service Agreement.
- A service charge of twenty-one percent (21%) will be applied to all beverages. A charge of six percent (6%) state of Michigan sales tax will be applied to all beverages, service charges and rentals.
- Payment in full must be made one (1) day prior to your event according to the Museum's best estimate. Actual charges that are greater than the estimated amount will be invoiced within seven (7) days, with a payment due in thirty (30) days. If actual charges are less than the estimated amount, a refund check will be issued and mailed within four to six weeks.
- Due to increased credit card expenses, all credit card purchases will be subject to a three percent (3%) convenience fee.
- Museum staff will deny alcoholic beverage service to anyone at any time if it appears that the guest is intoxicated, and has the sole right to make decisions regarding service of alcoholic beverages without client recourse.
- A valid driver's license or state identification is required of ALL GUESTS who request alcohol, as proof that a guest is of the legal drinking age in Michigan, twenty-one (21) years old. Alcoholic beverage services will be refused to any guest who is unable or unwilling to provide such proof of age.
- Beverage service will commence at the start time stated on the Rental Contract and will end one half hour before the listed ending time.
- If you do not want a fully sponsored bar, drink tickets are available for your convenience. You may also choose a "cash bar," where your guests pay for their own drinks at the time of consumption.
- All clients MUST provide a complimentary non-alcoholic beverage during cash bar services; such as bottled water, soda, juice and/or punch service.
- A State of Michigan liquor license is held by Grand Rapids Public Museum. Only alcoholic beverages purchased through the Museum may be present at and/or consumed on premise. This includes alcoholic beverages given as gifts or used for auction items.

Beverage Selections

Call

Tito's Vodka
Beefeater Gin
Dewars Scotch
Canadian Club Whiskey
Jack Daniels Whiskey
Bacardi Rum
Captain Morgan Rum
Malibu Rum
Jim Beam Bourbon
Cuervo Gold Tequila
DeKuyper Peach Schnapps

Select

Absolut Vodka
Tanqueray Gin
Johnny Walker Red Scotch
Jameson Whiskey
Bacardi 8 Rum
Wild Turkey 101 Bourbon
Sauza Tequila
Southern Comfort

Premium

Grey Goose Vodka
Tanqueray No. Ten Gin
Chivas Regal Scotch
Glen Livit 12 Single Malt Scotch
Crown Royal Whiskey
Bacardi 8 Rum
Makers Mark Bourbon
Patron Silver Tequila

Beverage Pricing

Beverage Service

	Hosted	Cash
Call Brands	\$5.50	\$6.00
Select Brands	\$6.50	\$7.00
Premium Brands	\$7.50	\$8.00
Wine	\$5.50	\$6.00
Domestic Beer	\$4.50	\$5.00
Premium Domestic Beers	\$5.50	\$6.00
Micro Brews	\$5.50	\$6.00
Import Beer	\$5.50	\$6.00

Non-Alcoholic Beverage Service

Sparkling Punch	\$2.50 per person
Soda	\$1.50 per person
Bottled Water	\$1.50 per person
Juice	\$2.00 per person

Champagne

Approximately 5 glasses per bottle	\$25.00 per bottle
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The Fine Print:

- All beer selections must be bottle or can - no kegs
- Our beverage service estimate is based on one drink per person per hour, plus a 21% service fee and 6% sales tax

Approved Caterers

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

187 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 776-6400
salescatering@ahchospitality.com
www.amwaygrand.com

Gilmore Collection

20 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 356-2627 x116
catering@gilmorec.com
www.gilmore-catering.com

Applause Catering

3775 Broadmoor Ave SE Suite C
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 940-0001
thaakma@applause-catering.net
www.applause-catering.net

Martha's Catering

1122 Michigan Street Northeast
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-0116
merideths@marthascatering.com
www.marthascateringgr.com

Barfly Events

35 Oakes St SW Suite 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 510-8026
shane@barflyventures.com
www.barflyevents.com

Vault Catering

4000 Remembrance Rd NW
Walker, MI 49534
(616) 454-3847
events@cateredbyvault.com
www.cateredbyvault.com

The Catering Company

1307 E. Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-7475
kim@tccogr.com
www.tccogr.com

