

CHICAGO  
CULTURAL  
CENTER

Private Events  
78 E. Washington Street  
Chicago, IL 60602



*Weddings*





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# *An Architectural Showplace*

**The Chicago Cultural Center is the perfect place to say “I Do.”**

The stunning landmark offers a variety of options for weddings, both big and small – from the rehearsal dinner to the ceremony and reception. It is home to two magnificent stained-glass domes, one of which is the world’s largest Tiffany dome. There are also many unique event spaces including galleries, halls and a theater. The venue’s close proximity to hotels, shopping, transportation and convention centers makes it the ideal special events destination. And the grace of this historic building is enhanced by breathtaking views of Millennium Park, located just across the street.

Completed in 1897 as Chicago's first central public library, the Chicago Cultural Center was designed and built by the country’s top architects and craftsmen. They used the most sumptuous materials, such as rare imported marble, polished brass, fine hardwoods, mother-of-pearl and colored mosaics to create an architectural showplace.

The Chicago Cultural Center, otherwise known as “The People’s Palace,” is managed by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, and rental fees help to support its free public programming.





# The Spaces

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# *Preston Bradley Hall*

The crown jewel of the Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall houses the spectacular and world's largest Tiffany glass-domed ceiling. The hall features graceful arches inlaid with sparkling mosaics, along with 25 Tiffany glass chandeliers spaced throughout the room. With a stunning view of Millennium Park, Preston Bradley Hall is an exquisite space to hold a breathtaking wedding ceremony or reception.

## CAPACITIES

Seated Dinner | 320

Cocktail Reception | 700

Theater-Style Seating | 500







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# *GAR Hall & Rotunda*

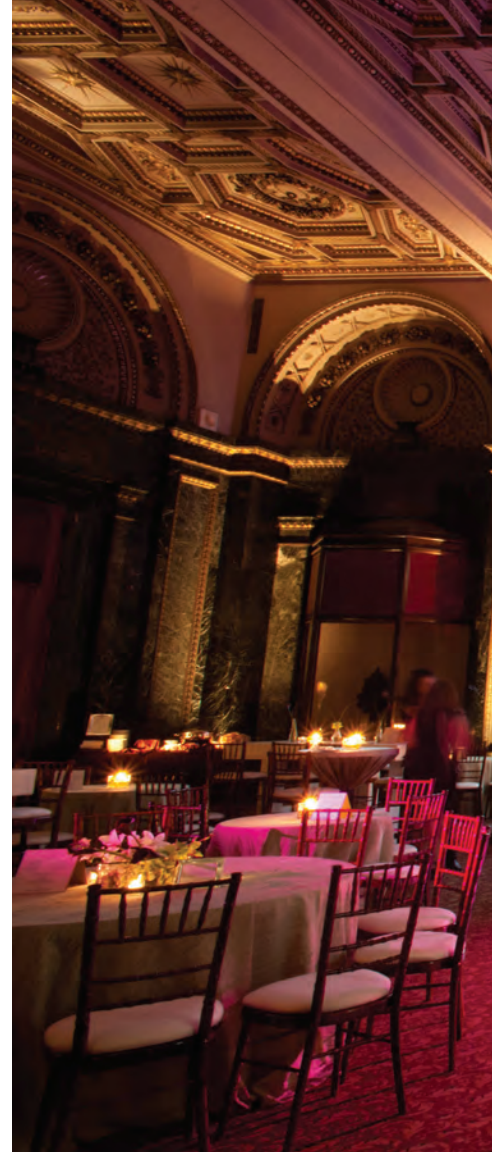
Originally dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic to honor veterans of the Civil War, this palatial hall offers impressive views and features soaring walls that rise to a coffered ceiling. The Rotunda serves as the large foyer to the Hall and includes the building's second glass-domed ceiling, designed by the Healey Millet Glass Company. These rooms can be utilized separately or as one combined space for a memorable event.

## CAPACITIES

Seated Dinner | 220

Cocktail Reception | 550

Theater-Style Seating | 300





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# *Sidney R. Yates Gallery*

The largest rental space in the Chicago Cultural Center was named in honor of the legendary Congressman from Illinois. This space, which encompasses nearly half a city block, features floor-to-ceiling windows, a coffered ceiling and Renaissance ornamentation.

## CAPACITIES

Seated Dinner | 420

Cocktail Reception | 800

Theater-Style Seating | 550





*Robin Sloan, Riverbend Studio  
Event Design by Kehoe Designs*

# *Millennium Park Room*

The Millennium Park Room is ideal for an intimate wedding ceremony or cocktail reception, as the amazing panoramic views of the Park's signature attractions, including the Jay Pritzker Pavillion and Cloud Gate, will delight guests throughout the event.

## CAPACITIES

Seated Dinner | 80

Cocktail Reception | 100

Theater-Style Seating | 100











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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chicago Cultural Center is owned and managed by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE). The Private Events office is operated on behalf of DCASE by MB Real Estate, Inc., charged with upholding all City of Chicago laws and DCASE policies and procedures.

Clients may place a courtesy hold for a grace period of 10 business days. Once the 10-day period is over, the hold will go into first-right-of-refusal. If the hold is challenged by another party, the initial holding client will receive a short deadline to either confirm the event or release the hold to the challenging party. DCASE venues provide extensive free public programs, and private event holds not acted upon may be released to accommodate programming needs.

## WEDDING PACKAGES

Wedding packages for the Chicago Cultural Center include six hours of event time, the room rental, administrative fees and costs for building security, custodial services, labor, and standard DCASE-owned equipment. Packages also include two off-duty Chicago Police Officers, an on-site event staff member, dance floor, a bridal room and a groom's room. Additional fees will apply for upgraded chairs, AV or lighting services and a union electrician (if required).

## EVENT SPACE CAPACITIES

Space Name	Cocktail Reception	Seated Dinner	Theater Style
Preston Bradley Hall	700	320	500
GAR Hall	500	220	300
GAR Rotunda	250	80	150
Sidney R. Yates Gallery*	800	420	550

*\*Space only available October through December  
Please note, seated dinner capacities include a dance floor.*

## CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER WEDDING PACKAGES

Number of Event Spaces Rented	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
One Event Space	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$8,000
Two Event Spaces	\$9,500	\$12,000	\$9,500

***Fees subject to change without prior notice. A \$1,000 security deposit is required and considered a separate payment from the fees listed above. The security deposit is refunded 30-60 days after the event date, depending on whether damages occur during the event.***

## ADDITIONAL FEES

### Additional Hour of Event Time

\$1,000 per hour, exceeding six hours of event time. All events must end by midnight.

### Additional Prep Room

\$300 per room, beyond a bridal and groom's room.

### White Upgraded Chair

\$6 per chair, upon request.

### Green/Gold Upgraded Chair

\$8, per chair, upon request.

### Union Electrician

Various fees will apply. Union electricians are only necessary if added power is required for the event. Fees will depend on what is needed and length of time electrician needs to be on-site.

## CHAIR OPTIONS



Black Metal Chairs included in rental fees



White Folding Chair



Green/Gold Metal Chair

***\*\*All rentals such as linen, china, glassware, flatware, floral, etc. must be outsourced directly by the client\*\****

## RECOMMENDED CATERING LIST

The Chicago Cultural Center does not have in-house catering. Listed below are catering companies that have repeatedly and successfully worked at DCASE venues. These companies also carry the required license and insurance necessary to work at the Chicago Cultural Center. If clients would like to use a caterer not listed, the event staff will need to grant approval. Both DCASE and MB Real Estate, Inc. reserve the right to deny requests that do not fit with policies or procedures.

Company Name	Phone Number	Website Address
Blue Plate Catering	312.421.6666	<a href="http://www.blueplatechicago.com">www.blueplatechicago.com</a>
Calihan Catering	312.587.3553	<a href="http://www.calihancatering.com">www.calihancatering.com</a>
Cork Catering & Special Events	888.932.3233	<a href="http://www.corkcatering.com">www.corkcatering.com</a>
Entertaining Company	312.829.2800	<a href="http://www.entertainingcompany.com">www.entertainingcompany.com</a>
Food Evolution	847.678.3663	<a href="http://www.foodevolution.com">www.foodevolution.com</a>
Food For Thought	847.982.2608	<a href="http://www.fftchicagocatering.com">www.fftchicagocatering.com</a>
Hearty Boys	773.244.9866	<a href="http://www.heartyboys.com">www.heartyboys.com</a>
Inspired Catering & Events by Karen & Gina Stefani	312.226.7611	<a href="http://www.inspiredcateringandevents.com">www.inspiredcateringandevents.com</a>
Jewel Events Catering	312.829.3663	<a href="http://www.georgejewell.com">www.georgejewell.com</a>
J & L Catering	312.280.7900	<a href="http://www.jandlcatering.com">www.jandlcatering.com</a>
Limelight	773.883.3080	<a href="http://www.limelightcatering.com">www.limelightcatering.com</a>
Paramount Events	773.880.8044	<a href="http://www.paramounteventschicago.com">www.paramounteventschicago.com</a>
Simply Elegant	312.733.5665	<a href="http://www.simply-elegant-catering.com">www.simply-elegant-catering.com</a>



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***Unless otherwise noted, the weddings highlighted were planned and coordinated by Big City Bride.***

