

Event Rentals at



District
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HOST AN EVENT AT DAC!

Who We Are

The District Architecture Center (DAC) celebrates the city's architectural heritage while serving both professionals and the community. As a hub for education and celebration, DAC supports the American Institute of Architects D.C. and the Washington Architectural Foundation by hosting exhibitions, lectures, and professional programs. With two galleries and modern facilities, DAC is proud to offer its event spaces for your next gathering.

Ready to visit DAC?

Email us at:

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DAC Overview



DAC is a unique venue that serves as an art gallery and premier event space. Its contemporary design enhances any event, whether a corporate function or a personal celebration. Our space can accommodate up to 250 guests for standing events and 150 for seated ones. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and supported by a dedicated team, DAC ensures a seamless experience from start to finish.



The Location

Nestled in the vibrant Penn Quarter district, DAC is the perfect location for your next event. Enjoy unmatched convenience, with every Metro line just blocks away. You'll also be within walking distance of iconic destinations such as Capital One Arena, the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and the city's top restaurants and museums. Experience the charm and energy of this historic neighborhood!

METRO INFO:

Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter **M**   3 min

Gallery Pl-Chinatown **M**   4 min

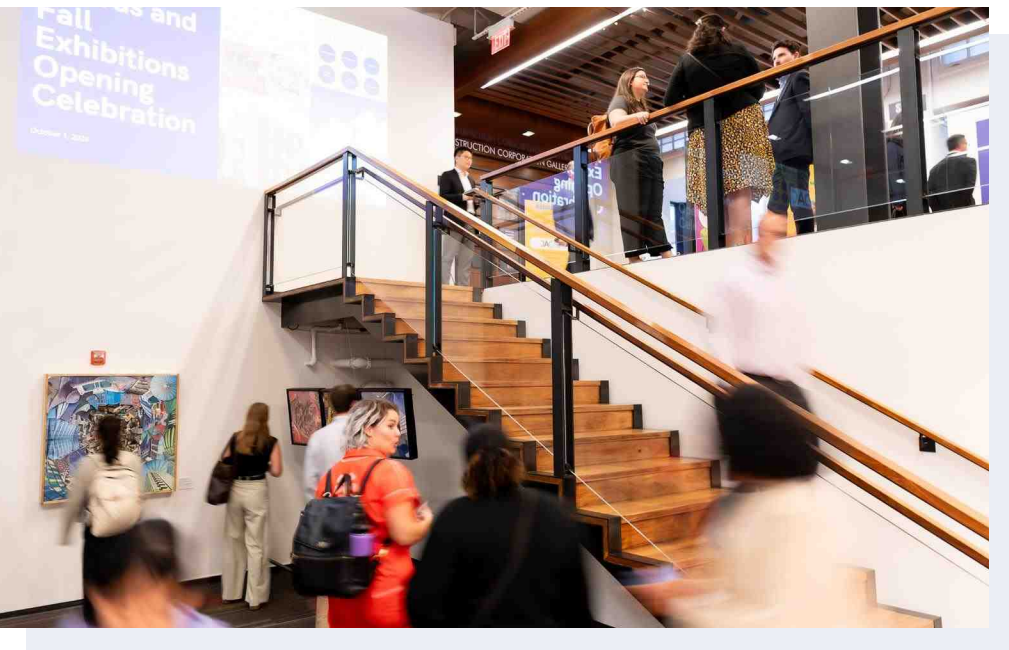
Judiciary Square **M**   7 min

Metro Center **M**   10 min

VENUE DETAILS & AMENITIES

The Details

- Over 5,000 sq ft of flexible event space
- Multiple event spaces
- Open design flooded with natural light
- Floor-to-ceiling windows
- Two galleries
- 250 standing & 150 seated
- Corporate gatherings & meetings
- All celebrations & receptions
- Event Manager



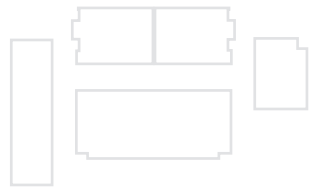
Inclusions

- Rectangular table & black chairs
- Best-in-class audio visual equipment
- In-house A/V technology support
- Integrated sound & audio system
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Built-in welcome LCD video wall
- (5) Built-in projectors with retractable drop-down screen
- TV, microphones, mic stands, laptops, podium, and more
- Security
- Catering prep kitchen

VENUE CAPACITY & RENTAL RATES

Rentals are available for either a half-day (up to 6 hours) or a full day (up to 10 hours).
The rental period begins at load-in and ends when load-out is complete.

**AIA DC members receive a 10% discount.
Non-profit rates are available.**



DAC Buyout

All Upper & Lower Level Event Spaces Included

Capacity: 250 Standing, 170 Theater, 150 Seated **Rental Rates:** \$7,500/day (Mon-Fri) \$8,500/day (Sat-Sun)

UPPER LEVEL



Sigal Gallery

Capacity: 100 Standing, 40 Theater, 40 Seated

Rental Rates: \$2,500/day



Hickok Cole

Capacity: 75 Standing, 75 Theater, 60 Seated

Rental Rates: \$2,500 for 6-hours, \$3,500 for 10-hours



Clark/Studios

Capacity: 50 Standing, 60 Theater, 60 Seated

Rental Rates: \$2,500 for 6-hours, \$3,500 for 10-hours



Hickok Cole & Clark/Studios (HCS)

Capacity: 125 Standing, 130 Theater, 120 Seated

Rental Rates: \$5,000 for 6-hours, \$6,000 for 10-hours

**Sigal Gallery is complimentary when booked with HCS*



Florance Boardroom

Capacity: 18 Seated

Rental Rates: \$1,500/day

LOWER LEVEL

Suman Song Gallery

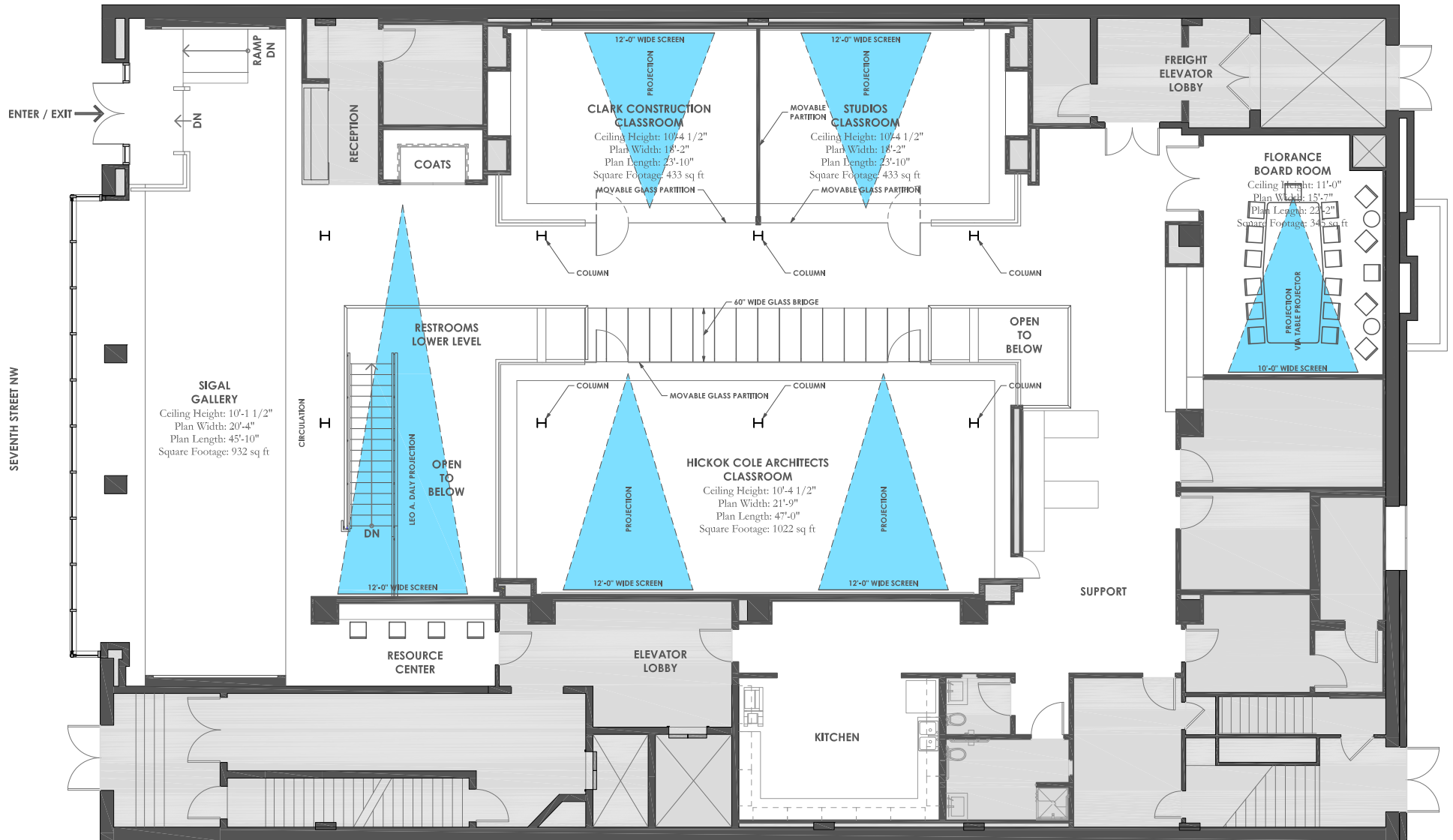
Included with DAC Buyout

Private Rooms

Three private rooms are included with the DAC buyout and available as an add-on with all other rental options.

VENUE CAPACITY

Upper Level



RECOMMENDED CATERERS

We welcome all licensed and insured caterers who provide drop-off and full-service options at our venue. To help ensure your event is seamless, we recommend a select group of trusted caterers. Below are some of our top suggestions to get you started:

Drop-off* & Full-service



Carly Shapiro
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OCCASIONS

Stephanie Kennedy
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**Full-service only*



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AROUND DAC

Nearby Hotels

Kimpton Hotel Monaco Washington DC 🚶 3 min

Riggs Washington DC 🚶 6 min

Motto by Hilton Washington DC City Center 🚶 8 min

Fairfield Inn & Suites Washington, DC/Downtown 🚶 10 min

Grand Hyatt Washington 🚶 12 min

Hampton Inn Washington Downtown Convention Center 🚶 13 min

JW Marriott Washington, DC 🚶 14 min

In The Neighborhood

Carmine's

Capital Jewish Museum

Compass Coffee

Dirty Habit

Ford's Theatre

Gordon Ramsay Street Pizza

Gregorys Coffee

International Spy Museum

Jaleo by José Andrés

MLK, Jr. Library

Mi Vida

National Archives

National Building Museum

National Museum of Women in the Arts

National Portrait Gallery

Pitango Gelato

SeoulSpice

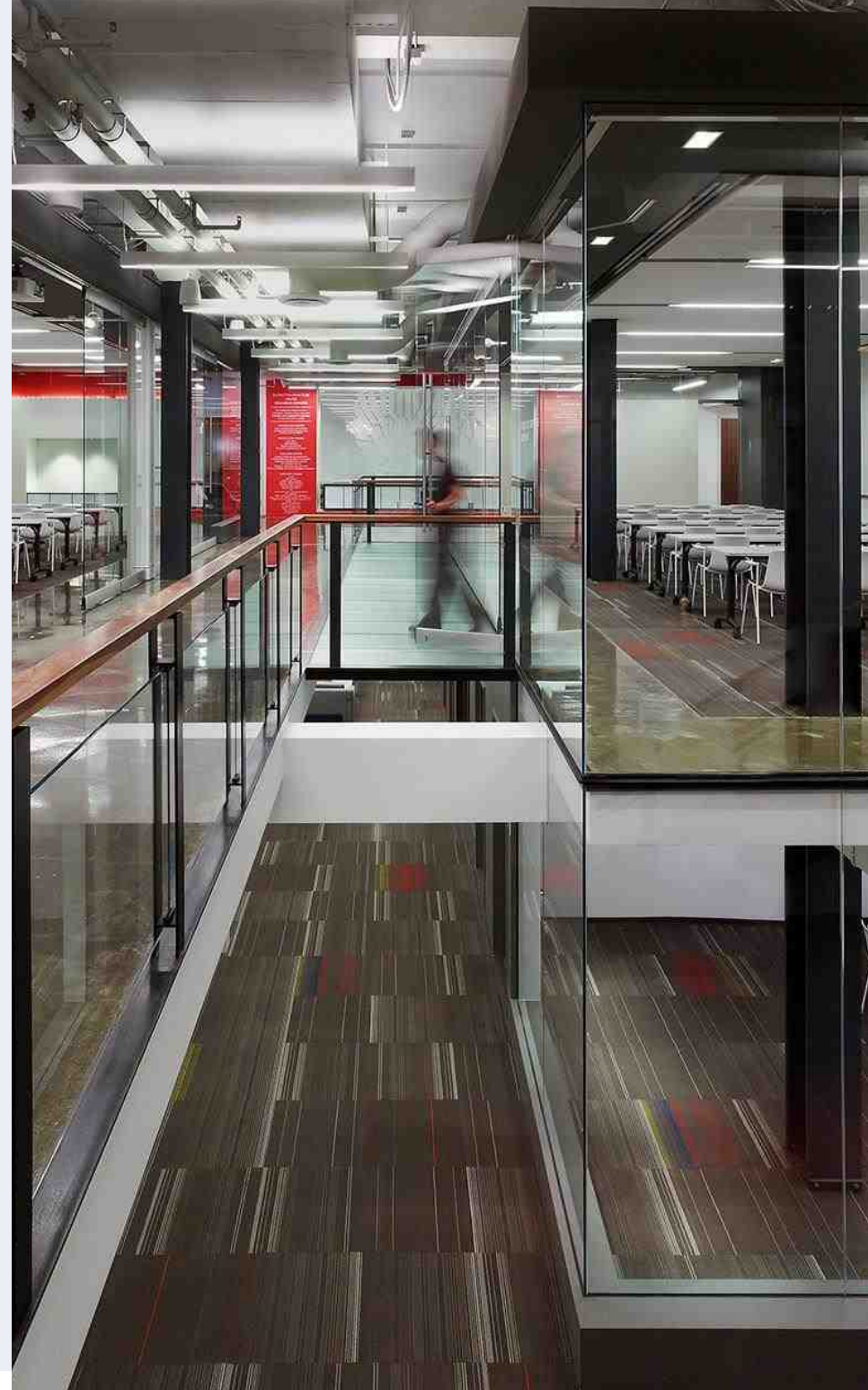
Shakespeare Theatre Company

Smithsonian American Art Museum

The Bar at Café Riggs

United States Navy Memorial

Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company



FAQ: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What are the rental rates?

Rental rates vary based on the event spaces required and the length of the rental period (including setup and breakdown) and are subject to additional fees based on your event details. Rentals are available for either a half-day (up to 6 hours) or a full day (up to 10 hours). The rental period begins at load-in and ends when load-out is complete. Venue capacity and rental rates are on pages 4 & 5.

What furniture is included with the rental?

The rental includes rectangular tables and black chairs. We also provide black high stools, which are ideal for panel discussions. The main event space features whiteboard walls, tackable surfaces, and easels are available if needed.

What AV equipment is included?

State-of-the-art AV equipment and in-house tech support are included for turnkey events. This includes an integrated sound system, welcome LCD video wall, built-in projectors with a retractable screen, complimentary Wi-Fi, microphones, stands, podium, and laptops.

Clients use the LCD wall for logos, emblems, or slideshows, while the projectors are ideal for presentations. These tech features enhance the overall event experience of any event!

Are there any additional fees or costs to consider?

Based on your event details, the following may apply:

- Additional fees for event rentals exceeding 10 hours
- Charges for advanced AV needs related to hybrid events, recordings, broadcasting, live streaming, and video conferencing. Coordination with our AV partner is required.
- Fees for on-site event staff
- Higher rates for certain holidays

Can I bring in my own AV vendor?

Suppose you choose to use our built-in technology but want an outside AV vendor to manage everything; additional fees will apply. These fees cover the cost of professional AV technicians to assist with integrating your vendor's equipment into our in-house audio and sound system.

Can I choose any caterer I like?

We welcome all licensed and insured caterers who offer drop-off and full-service options. For a seamless experience, we recommend a select group of trusted caterers; you can find our top recommendations on page 6. Our team must approve caterers not on this list. Please note that full-service catering is required for wedding receptions.

Do you have preferred vendors?

You are welcome to use professional vendors. However, all on-site vendors must provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) and sign our Vendor Rules and Guidelines. Vendors who have not previously worked at DAC are encouraged to complete a walk-through.

Can I provide my own Alcohol?

Alcohol can be provided by DAC's recommended caterers. If clients source their own alcoholic beverages, they must be supplied by a licensed caterer or distributor, per District of Columbia regulations. A licensed server is required to manage and serve the alcohol. Any caterer not listed on page 6 must be approved by our team.

Self-service bars and self-service alcohol are prohibited. Water and food must be provided at events where alcohol is served.

Is there public parking or transportation nearby?

Limited street parking is available on 7th Street, with parking garages nearby. The closest Metro stations are listed on page 2. Alternatively, consider using ride-share services or hiring a valet vendor. Contact us for additional vendor recommendations.

FAQ: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Can I use the reception desk?

Depending on your contract and rented spaces, the reception desk may be utilized. It's ideally located next to the welcome LCD video wall and coat closet.

What about coat check?

We have a dedicated coat closet located near the reception desk.

Do you have breakout spaces?

Depending on your contract, three private rooms on the lower level are available for breakout sessions, private meetings, a suite for the bride and groom, or storage—whatever you need.

Can I leave something overnight?

All items brought in must be removed from DAC by the end of your rental period.

What about open flames?

Candles are welcomed throughout the space. No open flame candles are permitted on the floor and all candles must be enclosed.

What's around DAC?

Our vibrant Penn Quarter location places us close to some of the city's finest hotels, restaurants, and museums. For more details on what's nearby, see page 7.

Is there a bathroom attendant?

We clean and restock bathrooms before events and replenish paper products as needed. For additional management, you can add a bathroom attendant or discuss it with your caterer.

How do I schedule a tour?

Complete the inquiry form [here](#) or email blamback@aiaadc.com. Tours are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



WHAT EXPERIENCE WILL YOU CREATE HERE?



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