Thank you for considering the Nasher Museum of Art (Nasher) as a venue for your event. The Nasher makes its facilities available for rental to all members of the community in order to increase awareness of the museum in the Triangle region and to generate revenue in support of the museum’s programming and general operations. Our goals are to provide a pleasant, well-run event for you, to share our exhibitions and programs with your guests, and to preserve and protect the art environment. These rental guidelines are intended to help you understand the features and restrictions unique to a museum venue, and to help you decide if the Nasher is the right place for your event. Please direct any questions to the Special Events Coordinator at the Nasher (919) 684-3321.

Because of the museum’s status as a non-profit institution, we are limited in the kinds of events we can host. As a fund-raising institution, we cannot host fund-raisers at the Nasher for other organizations. Duke University owns the Nasher and will not allow certain types of events to occur. These events include but are not limited to: some political events, sales events, and some religious events.

Event Spaces Features
The 13,000 square foot Great Hall is the focal point of the museum and is a dramatic setting for cocktail receptions, seated dinners and dancing. The forty foot high atrium of glass, steel and slate frames this contemporary space, and the three exhibition pavilions adjoin to create an artistic backdrop for all events. For shareholder meetings, educational programs or other presentations, our state-of-the-art Lecture Hall is the perfect setting. The University Classroom combines the same high-tech features with an intimate conference room setting and a wooded view of the museum sculpture lawn. The Lecture Hall reservation form or the University Classroom form can be used to confirm a rental should you only require use of those spaces. Use of the Great Hall, alone or in combination with other museum space, for any rental event will require the complete Nasher rental agreement.

The following audiovisual equipment is available for events in the Great Hall. Additional equipment and services may be available upon request.

- Podium with microphone
- Cordless lavaliere and handheld microphones
- XM satellite radio for background music
- Digital projection system with laptop, DVD or VHS interface
- 10’x14’ screen
- Programmable wall mounted LCD monitors
- Wireless internet access

No rental is charged for the use of the equipment, however, to safeguard equipment, artwork and visitors, only museum staff may set up and operate audiovisual equipment. The charge for audiovisual technical support is $35 per hour.

The museum’s maximum capacity has been determined by the Durham County Fire Marshal. The maximum capacity must not be exceeded at any time. If the number of guests at an event exceeds the fire marshal limits, the event may be terminated and facility fees will not be refunded.

- University Classroom: 20 around the conference table
- Lecture Hall: 173 fixed seats plus handicap accessible seating
- Great Hall: seated dinners: 250; receptions: 800
Please note that the Great Hall capacity for catered receptions may actually be lower based upon space required for buffets, bars and guest seating. Event diagrams should be submitted for review and approval in advance.

**Special Event Hours**
The Great Hall is available for private events after the museum closes to the public every night except Thursdays. Setup for private events can begin after the museum closes at 5:00pm. To allow ample setup time, events requiring catered food and beverage are typically not scheduled to begin before 7:00pm. Unless other arrangements are made, the museum entrances will be opened to your guests thirty minutes prior to the event start time. The building must be vacated by 12:00 midnight, and therefore, to allow time for cleanup after guests leave, most events are scheduled to end no later than 11:00pm.

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**Museum Hours: Open to the Public**

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**Protecting the Museum Environment**

Exhibition lighting, furniture and fixtures, room temperature, and the placement of art objects in exhibition areas are all established according to museum standards. These elements cannot be changed. Rental events should be planned to function within all restrictions necessitated by the presence of art objects. The addition of furniture, decorations, signage, special event lighting and equipment to any area of the building must be approved in advance on a per-item basis by museum staff.

- No items intended for events may be placed in public areas of the museum during business hours.
- Artwork may not be moved or obstructed. Items must be placed a minimum of 10 feet from any object on display.
- Artwork cannot be touched. Museum security guards will remind guests to remain a safe distance from artwork.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times while visiting the museum.
- No tables, chairs, equipment, electrical appliances, or decorations of any kind may be used in the pavilions.
- No food and beverage may be served or carried into the pavilions.
- Smoking, candles, open flames and the use of incense are all strictly prohibited anywhere in our facility.
- Tents are not permitted on the museum’s grounds.

Special event decorations permitted in the Great Hall are restricted by the following guidelines:

- Decorations may not be hung from or attached to walls, glass or ceiling beams.
- Battery operated candles are permitted in the Great Hall.
- All flowers and loose greenery must be pest free and come from an approved florist. Proof of purchase may be required. Advance permission to use very small potted plants may be an option; hydroponic plants and bromeliads are preferred.
- Trees and large potted plants are not permitted in the museum for private events.
- Balloons (air filled or helium) are not allowed inside or outside the museum.
- Bubbles, fire works, and artificial flower petals are not allowed in the museum or outside the entrances.

Exhibitions change several times a year and at various times pavilions may be closed for installation. We will make you aware of the exhibition schedule when discussing your event specifics; however, the exhibition schedule is subject to change. We regret that we are unable to offer discounts on the museum rental if your event occurs during an installation period.

**Security and Fees**
The Nasher requires museum security guards to be present at all events and rental clients are responsible for the full cost of security. Security fees are charged at an hourly rate based on the number of guests expected and the areas being utilized. Security hours are based on the actual time frame of the event, plus a minimum of one hour prior to the event and one hour after the event, for set up and break down. Security fees will continue to accrue until all guests and event support staff have left the building. As the event host, you can minimize security overtime by ensuring that guests leave the building at the end of the event, to allow cleanup to begin promptly and safely. The security fees below do not include the museum rental; please inquire with the Special Events Coordinator for the rental fee for your event.

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An additional charge of $50 per hour will be added for every 100 guests over 400. Should the nature or size of your event require additional housekeeping services, an hourly fee of $30 per attendant per hour may be charged.

**Tenant and Users’ Liability Insurance Policy (TULIP)**
All non-University events using campus facilities must be covered by the Tenants’ and Users’ Liability Insurance Policy (TULIP) which Duke University has negotiated specifically for short term coverage at a reasonable cost. The TULIP protects both the event host and the institution against claims by individuals who may be injured or experience damage to property as a result of participating in an event. Coverage is event-specific and can also cover vendors, performers and exhibitors, if needed. The cost of this insurance coverage is the responsibility of the event host, but will be credited against the cost of museum security fees quoted above. Upon receipt of a signed rental agreement and deposit, the Special Events Office will generate a TULIP insurance quote specific to the event, and forward instructions for purchase of the coverage. TULIP coverage for an event can be purchased any time within the calendar year of the event, but no later than 30 days prior to an event.

**Catering Services**
The Nasher has pre-screened an exclusive list of five local caterers from which clients must select. Each caterer has its own culinary, service and design specialties, and so we encourage you to speak with each of the caterers before making your final selection. The Nasher is not responsible for arranging any food and beverage service with any of the vendors. Please note that the Nasher charges all caterers a site surcharge of 7% of your food and beverage total. For the approved catering list and contact information please see page 6 of these rental guidelines.

The Nasher has a small inventory of event equipment which we permit our approved caterers to use for your events, subject to availability. These items include:

- 10-60” round tables
- 4-8’ rectangular banquet tables
- 4-6’ rectangular classroom tables
- 4-serpentine tables
18 tables for either seated or hi-boy cocktail tables

Should your event require additional tables, chairs, linens, china, glassware or specialty items, your caterer will make the necessary arrangements on your behalf.

In preparation for each event, you will do a walk-through with the museum’s Special Events Coordinator to discuss logistics including security, parking, A/V, and other facility related topics. While the museum Special Events Coordinator can describe setup options and offer guidance with respect to the museum environment, your chosen caterer will finalize setup and scheduling details with you and produce an event plan that meets both your needs and museum guidelines.

**Food and Beverages Restrictions**
The following restrictions apply to catering service in the museum at all times. All of the approved caterers are aware of these restrictions and have agreed to abide by them. They are experienced at creating a successful event within the limitations of the museum environment. Please consider this information carefully, as you make catering plans for an event at the Nasher.

- Food and beverages may only be served in the Great Hall, the University Classroom and the Nasher Café
- Food and beverages are prohibited in the exhibition pavilions and the lecture hall.
- Events that occur during normal business hours must be catered by The Nasher Museum Café
- Red wine may not be served at buffet or cocktail receptions. Red wine may only be served during a seated dinner, until the last course is served.
- Open flame is not permitted anywhere in the museum, this includes the use of Sterno to heat chafing dishes and large or exposed candles.
- Outdoor cooking areas must be set at least 12 feet away from the building.

**Alcohol Policy**
All Nasher approved caterers have the NC ABC licenses to serve beer, wine and liquor and are responsible for providing alcohol service for all events at the museum. However, only Giorgios Hospitality Group (Nasher Café operator) and Mitchell’s Catering have the necessary permits to purchase hard liquor at wholesale prices on behalf of clients. Clients who choose to work with other museum approved caterers and wish to serve hard liquor at their events will need to secure a special one-day permit from the NC ABC Commission, and purchase the liquor from the Durham ABC Store to provide to the caterer. Detailed instructions will be provided upon request. Giorgios Hospitality Group is the only vendor permitted to operate a cash bar at the Nasher. Other caterers may contract Giorgios Hospitality Group to provide cash bar services at events.

All caterers reserve the right to decline to sell or serve alcohol to individuals who appear to be intoxicated. Guests should be prepared to show photo identification with proof of age. For university-related events, students may be asked to present two forms of identification when purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages at any museum event. All undergraduate social functions must be properly registered with the Office of Student Activities and Facilities before a contract will be confirmed for an event at the museum.

**Parking**
Guests attending events held during normal museum operating hours are responsible for their own parking fees. Pay stations are located in the parking lot on the east side of the building and there are approximately 80 spaces available. Parking is $2.00 an hour, with a three-hour maximum. The parking lot is managed by Duke University Parking and Transportation Services. Parking is available, free of charge, starting at 5:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Please keep in mind that the lot is open to anyone; to guarantee that parking will be available for your event, parking officers and overflow parking may be contracted through Duke Parking and Transportation. Larger events will be required to hire parking guards. Upon request, the Nasher Special Events office is able to arrange parking guards for non-Duke rental clients, and the corresponding fees will be added to your museum charges.
Photography
Photography, film, video and broadcast media are permitted in the Great Hall, lecture hall, and on museum grounds only with advance written permission from the Special Events Office. Please note that professional photography is not permitted in any of our exhibition spaces due to copyright restrictions. Failure to obtain advance permission will result in the immediate termination of all photography and video.

Publicizing Your Event
No advertising or publicity of any nature may state or imply that the Nasher is a sponsor of or is responsible for your activities at the museum, with the exception of co-sponsored events. Please do not advertise your event as being held at the Nasher until you have returned a signed contract. Although the museum does not list any rental events on the museum’s public calendar, we appreciate the chance to review promotional copy for your own publicity, prior to release. Please contact the museum’s marketing and public affairs office at (919) 684-3314.

Estimates, Payments, and Cancellations

Estimates
An estimate of the security, AV and other fees can be given to you prior to or along with the Nasher rental agreement. Please remember this is only an estimate based on the information provided by the client at the time of the agreement. Final charges may exceed the estimate, and clients are responsible for payment of all charges.

Payments
All clients are required to sign a rental agreement.

Duke University clients are required to pay museum fees with a fund code which is requested at the signing of the rental agreement. Charges will be processed after the event.

Non-University clients must pay a deposit equal to the museum rental at the time the rental agreement is signed. The estimated fees for security, A/V support or any other additional service are due 30 days prior to the event. Any remaining balance due will be billed to the client following the event, and due within 30 days. Payments may be made with personal or certified checks or money orders payable to Duke University, and are always documented with a signed receipt.

Only a signed Nasher rental agreement plus the deposit or fund code will guarantee your rental. The signed rental agreement must be returned within ten business days of making a reservation to guarantee availability of space. Failure to return a signed contract within the designated time will result in automatic cancellation of the reservation. The Nasher is not responsible for notifying clients of cancelled reservations.

Cancellations
Should your plans change and necessitate cancelling your event, please notify the museum as soon as possible. If this occurs less than 48 hours after we receive your deposit, the deposit will be refunded. Later cancellations will result in forfeit of the deposit.
Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University
Approved Caterers

**Nasher Museum Café**, *Operated by Giorgios Bakatsias*

CONTACT: Aidan Peters  
PHONE: 919.684.6032  
FAX: 919.681.8624  
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WEB: www.nasher.duke.edu

Additional concepts by Giorgios Hospitality Group, also available for catering at the Nasher:

- **Parizade Catering**  
  Joshua Weaver: 919.286.9712 or jwparizade@gmail.com  
  WEB: www.giorgiosgroup.com

- **City Kitchen**  
  Emma Dunbar: 919.928.8200 or emmadunbar@live.com

**Durham Catering Company**

CONTACT: Jennifer Shepherd  
PHONE: 919.383.3000  
EMAIL: sales@durhamcateringco.com  
WEB: www.durhamcateringco.com

**Mitchell’s Catering and Events**

CONTACT: David Casteel  
PHONE: 919.847.0135  
FAX: 919.847.3287  
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**The Catering Company**

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