

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
INTEREST

We're delighted you're considering the **Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University** for your upcoming event.

Designed by world renowned architect Rafael Viñoly, the Nasher Museum offers a bold, modern setting with striking architecture, contemporary art, and seamless indoor-outdoor spaces—an unforgettable backdrop for any event. Rooted in a mission to champion diverse voices and meaningful dialogue through art, the Nasher is more than a venue: it's a place where creativity, inclusivity, and cultural exploration come together to make your event truly memorable.

The Nasher Special Events team will work closely with you to shape an experience that reflects your goals and style.

EVENT
SPACES
& RENTAL
OVERVIEW



CAPACITY:

140 seated | up to 800 standing reception

The **Great Hall** is the architectural centerpiece of the Nasher Museum—a light filled, modern space with soaring ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. Surrounded by three art galleries, it offers a dramatic yet flexible setting for receptions, dinners, weddings, and large scale celebrations.

AVAILABILITY:

- Monday (10 AM – 5 PM)
- Monday – Wednesday after 7 PM
- Friday after 7 PM
- Saturday after 7 PM (6 PM start for smaller events)
- Whole-museum weekend rentals (six-hour event, *limited availability in June & July*)



OPTIONAL ADD-ON:
OUTDOOR FOREST DECK

A beautiful extension of the Great Hall, ideal for welcome cocktails, photo moments, or a relaxed dessert finale nestled among the trees.



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LECTURE HALL

CAPACITY:

170 – 190 guests

Located just off the Great Hall, the **Lecture Hall** features a vibrant mural by **Odili Donald Odita** and is ideal for presentations, panels, and film screenings. Tiered seating, advanced AV, and excellent sightlines create an engaging experience, and the space pairs seamlessly with a **Great Hall** reception or dinner. Program Recording or Livestreaming available.

Evening use of the Lecture Hall is included as part of a Great Hall rental.



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SCULPTURE GARDEN

CAPACITY:

45 – 250 guests

The **Sculpture Garden** is an elegant outdoor space surrounded by contemporary sculpture and lush landscaping. Available outside public hours, it's ideal for refined receptions and dinners, and includes access to the **Great Hall**.

AVAILABILITY:

- Monday (10 AM – 5 PM)
- Sunday – Wednesday after 7 PM
- Friday after 7 PM
- Saturday after 7 PM

CATERING, LOGISTICS, & NEXT STEPS



CATERING & BAR SERVICE

The **Nasher Museum Café**, operated by **Giorgios Hospitality and Lifestyle Group**, is the exclusive caterer and bar provider for all events. Menus are customized for receptions, dinners, meetings, and weddings.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

AV technician, gallery guides, uplighting, and additional security are available for an added fee.

- AV Technician (four-hr minimum, required for Lecture Hall rental)
- Dedicated Gallery Guide
- Portable Screen Setup
- Uplighting
- Golf Cart Transportation (from museum lot to the front door)
- Additional Security (when required)

Venue rental fees include baseline housekeeping and security.

PARKING

Paid on-site parking is available via QR code. Reserved parking and valet service with an approved vendor can be arranged upon request at cost.

VENUE GUIDELINES

To help protect both the artwork and our guests, we ask that no décor be attached to the building. Only battery-operated candles are permitted; balloons and open flames are not allowed. All floral arrangements must be pest-free and sourced from approved vendors. Full guidelines will be shared during the booking process.

READY TO BOOK?

Submit your inquiry [online](#)



We look forward to learning more about your event and exploring how the Nasher Museum of Art can bring your vision to life.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions—we're here to help.