Facility Rental Agreement

The Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA) and agree that the rental area, ______ shall be rented on ______ for the room rental rate of _____. The event will start at ________and end at _________.

Reserving Event Location

The Huntsville Museum of Art Executive Director and/or the Director of Facility Rental must approve the use of facilities. To complete your reservation the Director of Facility Rental must receive:

1. Facility Rental Agreement signed by the person responsible for payment
2. Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit in the amount of 50% of the rental fee
3. Refundable damage deposit of $500

Please make checks payable to The Huntsville Museum of Art or contact the Facilities Rental Director, at 256-535-4350 ext.207 to pay via credit card.

Final Payment

The final payment is composed of rental balance and any additional fees incurred for the event. Additional fees include, but are not limited to, bartender, valet, additional security guard, and/or exhibit access. Final payment is due 60 days prior to the event.

Cancellation

If a cancellation is made within 3 days of reservation, HMA will refund the deposit less a 20% administrative fee. If a cancellation is made after the 3 day grace period HMA retains the non-refundable, non-transferable rental deposit. If a cancellation is made 60 days before an event, or in the event of a no-show, HMA retains all rental fees and deposits.

Insurance

HMA is a cultural and fine arts facility and as such requires individual Renters to add an endorsement to their insurance coverage (Homeowner’s or Tenant’s Policy) adding HMA for the terms of the agreement or to provide proof of event insurance in an amount satisfactory to HMA. Corporations, groups, or businesses agree to provide HMA with a copy of their Certificate of Insurance. HMA requires that corporate policies provide liability coverage that is primary and noncontributory in the amount of at least $1,000,000. Proof of insurance, with a waiver of subrogation, will be provided no later than 60 days before event in order to maintain reservation.
Liability
The Renter agrees that if the HMA premises or exhibitions are damaged during event they will pay HMA upon demand the amount necessary to restore premises or exhibitions to their original condition. Any costs incurred by HMA in collecting damages are to be paid by the Renter.

Damage Deposit
A $500 damage deposit is required when reserving space for an event. The damage deposit will be returned no later than two weeks after the event provided conditions in this Facility Rental Agreement have been met.

Scheduling
Access to rented room for decoration is limited to the day of the event beginning no earlier than 9 a.m. Additional access may be available on a case by case basis and must be coordinated with the Director of Facility Rental. The renter is responsible for arranging deliveries of decorations and set-ups with caterers, florists, and rental companies. Deliveries must come through loading dock and be signed in by security.

Events must end by 11 p.m. and everyone must depart the premises by midnight or be subject to a $500 fine.

Wedding Reservations
A wedding rental includes a one-hour rehearsal prior to the scheduled event. Rehearsals are scheduled when reservation is made. Wedding reservations include a complimentary one year family HMA membership.

Outdoor Events
All outdoor events require prior arrangements to use indoor space in the case of inclement weather. In the event of inclement weather, and available indoor space, a Renter will be charged for use of the indoor space according to the fee schedule. An additional fee may be incurred for extensive set-up requirements.

Parking
HMA assumes no liability for any damage to any vehicle or its contents while on HMA property. Parking is not permitted on sidewalks, grassy areas, or any other non-road areas. Located in the downtown area HMA has limited parking. The parking lot is subject to availability with HMA events taking priority. Valet parking is encouraged and can be scheduled for an additional fee.

Caterers
HMA maintains a list of approved Caterers. In order to work an HMA event, Caterers must have a signed HMA Caterer’s Agreement, along with copies of appropriate insurance and health certificate, on file, as well as be in good standing with the Facility Rental department.
Alcohol
HMA holds a liquor license and will purchase all alcohol for events. Under no circumstances can alcohol be brought on site by the Renter or their guests. Individuals who do not comply with this policy will be asked to leave the premises immediately. HMA reserves the right to ID anyone requesting alcohol, to refuse service to anyone, and to shut down the bar if it is deemed necessary by Museum staff. Alcoholic beverages will be permitted only in the areas designated by the rental agreement. Renter is responsible for providing all glassware. Alcohol selections and payment are due 2 weeks prior to the event. Alcohol will not be ordered until payment is received. No refunds will be offered for unopened bottles; however, Renter may take any unopened bottles at end of event.

Bartenders
Bartenders will be scheduled and paid by HMA. Bartender fees will be included in final payment. The bartender may refuse service to anyone.

Security
HMA Security staff must be present during all rental events to ensure HMA exhibitions are secure. Security of the Renter’s property is the Renter’s responsibility. Once the Renter has taken possession of an interior rental space it cannot be locked until the event is over. Any property left unattended will not be protected by HMA security. HMA is not responsible for rental items left on the premises. Additional outside security can be arranged with the Directory of Facility Rental.

Chaperones
An adult must be present for every ten people under the age of 18 attending an event.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted inside the building nor 20 feet from the outside of any entrance.

Photos
The Museum exteriors may be used as background for photos. The galleries may not be used for photo sessions without approval from the Executive Director. Photos taken may also be used for promotional purposes by the Museum.

Public Access
HMA is open to the public during posted hours and access is not limited due to rental events.
Table Diagram
Table and chair set-ups diagrams must be finalized with Facility Rental at least two weeks prior to event. A reset fee may be applied if diagrams are not finalized, or for changes made within two weeks of the event. Only designated chairs may be used outside. All other tables and chairs are for indoor use only.

Decorations
The Director of Facility Rental must approve all decorations being used. Nothing should be moved from the galleries or rental spaces without approval from the Director of Facility Rental.

No sticky tape, Command Hooks, putties, or similar items are allowed on any surface. No nails or hooks may be added to any area. Decorations may not be attached in any manner to the walls, floors, lighting fixtures, or ceilings. No glitter or fog machines are allowed. Florist tape, wrapped wire, ribbon, or fishing line may be used to attach decorations to columns and railings. Gaffer’s tape may be used to secure cords, paper, and linens to floors and must be removed during clean up. Candles must be enclosed in protective devices to prevent dripping onto any surface. Candles are prohibited in the galleries. Helium balloons are permitted, provided that they are secured and weighted. Balloons should be removed immediately following the event. The release of balloons is prohibited. All decorations must be removed at the end of an event, regardless of time of day.

Wedding Throwables
Sparklers, rice, and confetti (including biodegradable) are prohibited.

Clean-up
HMA staff will inspect all areas after the event to ensure the rental space and grounds are left in the same condition as prior to the event. If not left in satisfactory state the damage deposit is forfeited. Additional charges will be billed to the Renter at replacement cost and are due within 30 days.

Clean-up must be completed by midnight. The Caterer will be provided with a clean-up checklist. The Renter and Caterer will be responsible for the removal of all food, beverages, containers, and rental equipment at completion of the event. The Renter and Caterer are also responsible for surface clean-up and all garbage must be sealed in the provided garbage bags and disposed of in dumpster.

When prior arrangements have been made with the Director of Facility Rental, rental equipment may be picked up the morning following the scheduled event.

Force Majeure
In the unfortunate occurrence of a natural disaster, fire, war, or other event out of the control of both parties (Force Majeure) that would prevent the event from occurring, the Facility Rental Agreement shall be suspended or excused to the extent commensurate with the circumstances. Illness of the Renter, Renter’s guests, or a HMA staff member shall not be considered Force Majeure for purposes of this agreement. However, death of the Renter before the event shall qualify as a Force Majeure.
Hold Harmless and Indemnification
The Renter, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall hold harmless and indemnify HMA, its board members, officers, employees, and volunteers against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney’s fees, and fees arising out of or resulting from events at the HMA.

Jurisdiction
This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Alabama. Any action brought by either party with respect to any dispute or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement, shall be filed only in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama or the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

By signing this Facility Rental Agreement the Renter(s) certify that he/she has read, understood, and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of the Facility Rental Agreement.

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