# **Tempe Center for the Arts**





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# **Weddings and Receptions**

The *Tempe Center for the Arts* (TCA) is one of the finest venues in Arizona for a stunning and dramatic wedding – a jewel in the crown of a city known for its support of the arts. The TCA is located on the southwest end of Tempe Town Lake and resides in a beautifully landscaped 17-acre lakeside art park with an event amphitheater developed by Design Workshop, a Tempe landscape architecture firm.

The magnificent Tempe Center for the Arts facility was designed by Tempe-based Architekton and award-winning Barton Myers Associates of Los Angeles. The 88,000 square-foot facility features an outdoor patio, art gallery and the ultimate room with a view — Lakeside — which overlooks Tempe Town Lake, the Papago Buttes and Camelback Mountain.



April Maura Photography

## **Lakeside Wedding Package**

For parties up to 150 guests

Lakeside Ceremony and Reception - \$4,550

Reception Only - \$3,500

#### Included with ceremony

- One-hour rehearsal
- Bridal dressing room
- Groom's room, when available
- Up to 150 seats
- Portable speaker system with two wired microphones
- Ceremony attendant to assist with rehearsal and ceremony

#### Included with reception

- Six cocktail tables for cocktail hour
- Six 6' banquet tables
- Choice of 72" round or 6' feasting tables with chairs for guests
- 15' x 15' dance floor
- Gallery viewing during cocktail hour (on most dates)

#### Not included with the package

- Wedding planner/professional event planning services though highly recommended
- Catering (food/beverage) there are five full service catering choices available
- Decorations
- Linens may be secured through caterer or alternate vendor
- Full use of entire facility other events may be taking place at the same time in and around the building. If available, full facility may be rented as an upgrade to package.
- Additional hours Lakeside hours may be extended for an additional fee of \$400 per hour after 11:00 PM

**Hours**: All packages are six-hour rentals up to 11:00 PM with an additional three hours of preparation and one hour of clean-up time included.

## **Ceremony Location**

**North Patio** Capacity: 150



## **Cocktail Hour Location**

Lakeside Landing
Capacity: 150



## **Reception Location**

**Lakeside** Capacity: 150



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Stephanie Fay Photography

## **Carter Lounge Wedding Package**

For parties up to 50 guests

Carter Lounge Ceremony and Reception - \$2,100

Reception Only - \$1,150

#### **Included** with ceremony

- One-hour rehearsal
- Bridal dressing room
- Groom's room, when available
- Up to 50 white ceremony chairs
- Portable speaker system with two wired microphones
- Ceremony attendant to assist with rehearsal and ceremony

## Included with reception

- Four cocktail tables for cocktail hour
- Choice of 72" round or 6' feasting tables with chairs for guests

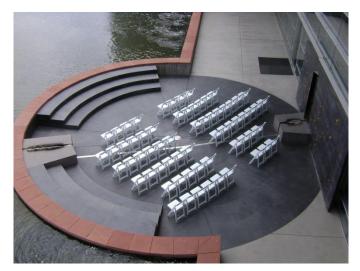
#### Not included with the package

- Wedding planner/professional event planning services though highly recommended
- Catering (food/beverage) there are five full service catering choices available
- Dance area due to the limited size of the venue
- Decorations
- Linens may be secured through caterer or alternate vendor
- Full use of entire facility other events may be taking place at the same time in and around the building. If available, full facility may be rented as an upgrade to package.
- Additional hours Carter Lounge hours may be extended for an additional fee of \$120 per hour after 11:00 PM
- Clearing Rooftop Terrace additional fee of \$300 to clear existing furniture

**Hours:** All packages are six-hour rentals up to 11:00 PM with an additional three hours of preparation and one hour of clean-up time included.

**Ceremony Location** 

**North Patio** Capacity: 150



**Cocktail Hour Location** 

Rooftop Terrace
Capacity: 60



## **Reception Location**

Carter Lounge
Capacity: 50



## **Optional Venue Locations\***

Parkside Plaza

Capacity: 150

Available for ceremony.



East Breezeway

Capacity: 150

Available for ceremony or cocktail hour.



Gallery

Capacity: 90

Available for ceremony or as a weather backup.

*Note*: Venue layout changes with each exhibition



## Sculpture Garden

Capacity: 150

Note: Entry through Gallery.



#### **EXCLUSIVE CATERERS**

Food and beverage service is available through the TCA's exclusive catering partners:



#### Jeannia Smith

480-898-8848 questions@arizonacatering.com arizonacatering.com

Full and limited service



#### **Pat Christofolo**

480-921-3150 tcaevents@santabarbaracatering.com santabarbaracatering.com

Full service only



#### **Chelsey Keller**

602-242-8185 tcaevents@atlastacatering.com atlastacatering.com

Full and limited service



#### **Chantal Hause**

602-267-1818 info@fabulousfoodaz.com fabulousfood.net

Full and limited service



#### Heidi Vail

480-491-5254 Info@heidisevents.com heidisevents.com

Full and limited service



#### **Raveen Arora**

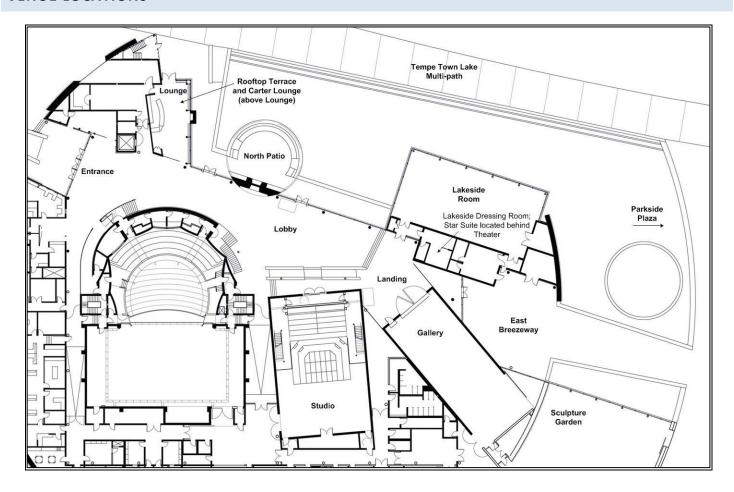
480-557-8800 info@the-dhaba.com the-dhaba.com

Limited service only

**Limited service only:** Food and beverage deliveries with limited on-site setup and service.

**Liquor and bar service:** All alcohol must be purchased from, and served through, the Tempe Center for the Arts.

#### **VENUE LOCATIONS**



#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### Venue

#### Q: Does the Tempe Center for the Arts accommodate more than one event at a time?

A: The Tempe Center for the Arts often plays host to multiple events throughout the facility. TCA staff will work with all parties to ensure the integrity of the events and offer smooth transitions between spaces. Please note that the lobby area is a common area shared by multiple events.

#### Q: Is there parking?

A: Parking is available for a fee on a first come, first served basis at a neighboring parking garage.

#### Q: Is a wedding planner required?

A: Having a wedding planner is not required but is recommended.

#### Q: Does the TCA provide linens for the reception?

A: No. You may provide your own or obtain them through your caterer or another vendor.

#### Q: May I have candles for decorations?

A: No open flame is permitted inside the center. You may substitute with battery-operated artificial candles, if desired.

#### Q: May I have hanging decorations in the Lakeside Room?

A: No, but decorations are permitted on the ground level. Examples include up-lighting, light trusses and creative table décor available through third party vendors.

#### Q: What may be used to celebrate the send-off?

A: The TCA allows guests to celebrate outdoors with short sparklers, glow sticks, bubbles and flower petals. Unfortunately, rice, birdseed, popcorn, glitter and confetti are not permitted.

#### Q: Do you permit smoking?

A: Smoking is permitted outside in the designated smoking areas only.

#### Q: What about noise around the facility?

A: The TCA is located within a developing urban area and along the flight path of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The facility was designed to filter out these specific noises, and there is little to no impact on events taking place inside. If an outside venue is selected for any part of your event, noise may be a factor to consider. The airport's flight path normally passes the building on the south side, however, air traffic control changes can reroute air traffic closer to the north side. Please be aware that air traffic, construction, facility (e.g. air conditioning) and park event noise cannot be controlled or altered to accommodate your event.

## **Food and Beverage**

#### Q: Are there restrictions on caterers or other vendors?

A: Yes. The exclusive list of TCA caterers are more than happy to assist you with all of your food and beverage needs. Please contact any of the four full service catering companies for menus and information. You are welcome to use the vendor of your choice for services such as floral arrangements, photography, music and decorations.

#### Q: Can we bring our own food?

A: No outside food is permitted. Please select from our approved caterers for food and beverage needs.

#### Q: Can we bring our own cake?

A: A cake may be brought in from an outside licensed vendor with a county-inspected kitchen.

#### Q: What is the alcohol policy?

A: Due to the provisions of TCA's liquor license, all alcohol must be purchased from, and served through, the Tempe Center for the Arts. Outside alcohol is not allowed in any area of the facility. In the event outside alcohol is discovered, TCA staff will direct the client to have it removed.

#### Insurance

#### Q: Does TCA require a certificate of insurance for wedding rentals?

A: Yes. A special event liability policy provides specific insurance coverage for the client and the City of Tempe. The certificate showing this coverage must be received at least 45 days prior to your event date.

#### Q: How do I ask my insurance provider for a certificate of insurance (COI)?

A: Ask your insurance provider for a certificate of liability insurance for a special event. Refer to the sample COI document for specific dollar amounts and language required on the certificate.

#### Q: If I do not have an insurance provider, whom should I contact?

A: A special events liability policy can be purchased from many insurance companies. Although the TCA cannot recommend any one company, certificates of insurance have been acquired from *wedsafe.com*, *wedsure.com*, and *theeventhelper.com*.

#### Q: How much should a certificate of insurance cost?

A: The cost of obtaining a certificate of insurance will vary by provider and event. Budget between \$150 and \$200.

## **Booking and Payment**

#### Q: May I hold a date while I get further pricing from caterers?

A: You may hold an available date for 14 days. After 14 days, the hold will expire and the date will become available for others. Contact the TCA within 14 days to receive an application to start the booking process.

#### Q: How do I book a date?

A: Complete and return the application within 14 days of receiving it. The TCA will then issue a license agreement within 7 days. A signed license agreement and 50% deposit are required to formally book a date.

#### Q: What types of payment do you accept?

A: The TCA accepts check and debit/credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover).

#### Q: To whom should my check be made payable?

A: Please make checks payable to "City of Tempe - TCA."

#### Q: When will I be required to pay the final balance?

A: The balance must be paid in full 30 days prior to your event, typically at the time of the final walk through.

#### Q: May I make periodic payments on the balance due?

A: Though not required, periodic payments may be made prior to the event, as long as the full balance is received 30 days before the event date.

#### Q: Is the deposit refundable?

A: After assessing the \$200 cancellation fee, you may receive a refund if the cancellation occurs more than 120 days prior to the event. Within 120 days of the event date, partial refunds are available per the operating policies.

#### Q: Does TCA offer any discounts?

A: There are no discounted days or general discounts available at this time.

#### Q: When are final day-of details discussed?

A: At a 45-day walkthrough there will be a step-by-step review of your wedding day with your TCA event specialist.

For more information on weddings or to inquire about a date, please fill out the contact us form at https://www.tempecenterforthearts.com/about/facility-rental/wedding-packages-b

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