



SHEDD AQUARIUM



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Ever wonder how high a dolphin can leap or how long a sea turtle can snooze underwater?

Find out during your next event at Shedd Aquarium! Treat your guests to encounters with unbelievable animals from aquatic environments around the world, plus eye-popping architecture, at the top paid cultural destination in Chicago. The city's iconic skyline and Lake Michigan's blue expanse create a stunning backdrop for your private event. Celebrate with a plated formal dinner or breezy cocktail reception.

Join us for your next special event and discover another side of Shedd!



We can accommodate intimate formal dinners for **as few as 100 guests** and strolling receptions for **1,600 guests**.

The best part:
Your guests will have **access to all aquarium galleries**.



Spectacular Spaces

CARIBBEAN REEF AND AQUARIUM GALLERIES

Classical Greek architecture and our signature Caribbean Reef exhibit create a dining setting fit for King Neptune, with seating either around the aquamarine reef habitat or in the aquarium's elegantly vaulted galleries.



ABBOTT OCEANARIUM

Begin the evening with a cocktail reception that overlooks a faithful re-creation of a Pacific Northwest coastline. Guests can stroll down to the water's edge to visit with Pacific white-sided dolphins, beluga whales, sea otters and more!

RICE FOUNDATION AMPHITHEATER

Part of the Abbott Oceanarium, it features seating for up to 1,000 guests and a state-of-the-art sound system. It's perfect for a special welcome or presentation for your group.

KOVLER HALL

This large, soaring space, enlivened with handcrafted sea life ornamentation in bronze and terra-cotta, is perfect for dining and dancing.



NORTH TERRACE

Take your event outdoors! This seasonal space offers a sweeping vista of the lakefront and skyline, perfect for a cocktail reception.



LAKESIDE TERRACE

This terrace brings together the sophistication of the city skyline and the natural beauty of Shedd's own gardens. Open seasonally.



SOUNDINGS

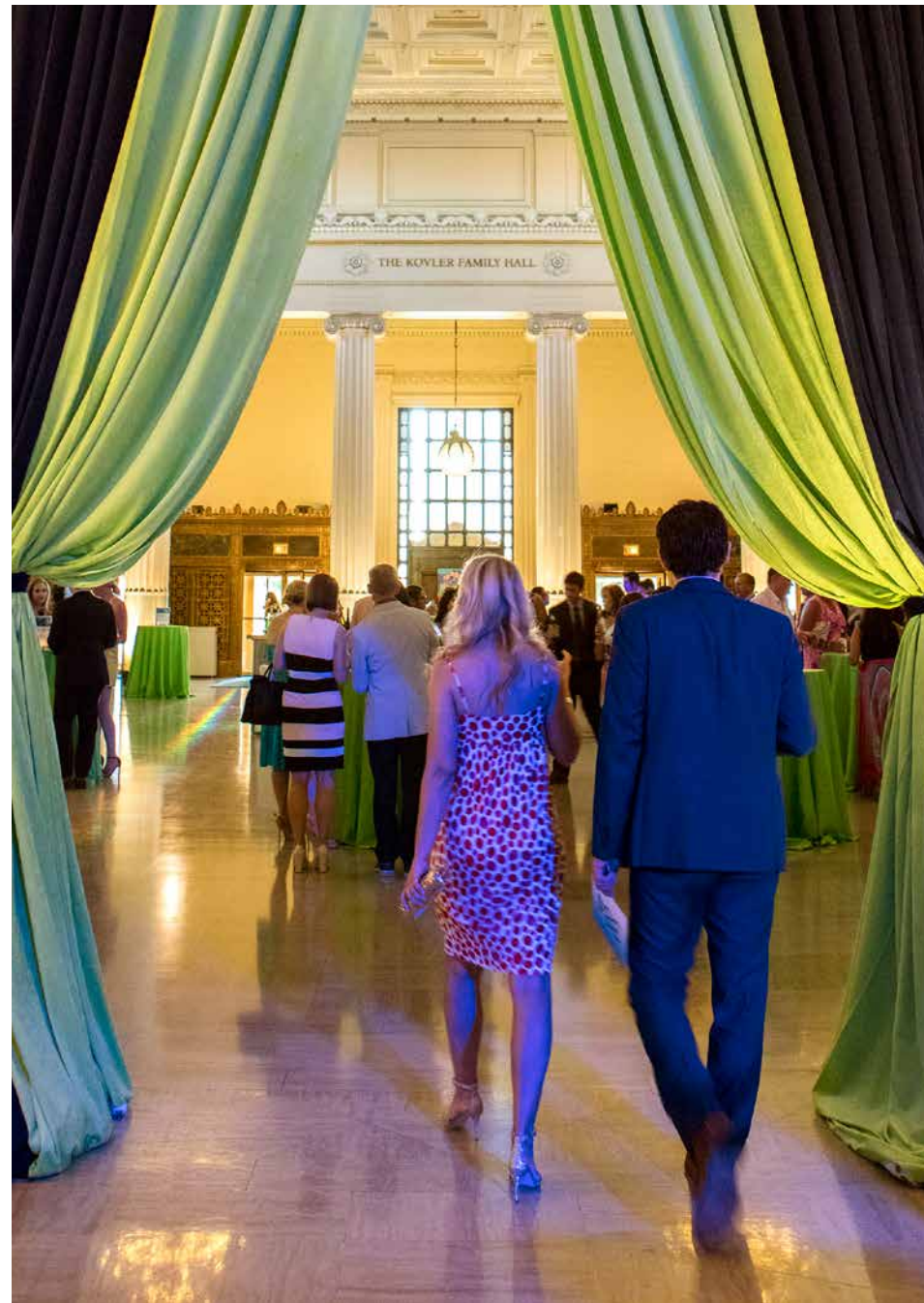
Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline are the backdrop in this beautiful window-lined room, perfect for dinner parties or large receptions.

STINGRAY TOUCH

In this outdoor exhibit, open seasonally, your guests will delight in the sensation of sleek stingrays gently gliding under their outstretched hands. It's available at an additional cost.

PHELPS AUDITORIUM

Our auditorium features state-of-the-art audiovisual technology that can be tailored to your presentation's specs. It's available at an additional cost.



Sustainability

Feel good about hosting an event at a conservation-conscious venue. Shedd Aquarium is committed to protecting the environment every day, and our events are no exception. Our green business practices include

- Serving **sustainable seafood**
- **Elimination of plastic straws** for events
- **Elimination of single-use plastic** throughout the aquarium, including replacing plastic bottles with boxed water
- **Composting leftover food** at the end of each event
- Working with a food recovery partner to ensure that **unserved food helps the less fortunate**
- **Recycling used cooking oil** for processing into biodiesel fuel for buses

Dive Deeper

Astonish your guests with additional features found only at Shedd Aquarium. Some enhancements to include:

- Touch animals like a red-footed tortoise or get eye to eye with a blue-tongued skink during an **animal encounter**.
- **Outfit our diver** with your company's logo as your guests are dazzled by an underwater fish-feeding session.
- **Immerse your guests with a narrated chat** about penguins, belugas, sharks and more. Questions are encouraged!
- Surprise your team when a **Shedd mascot** joins the party!
- Give back to the aquatic animal world with our **Fund-a-Friend program**.
- Relive memories of your event with a **professional photography package**.
- Highlight conservation and sustainability with a **presentation given by a Shedd expert**.

Enhancements are subject to availability.

Contact us to learn about additional experiences.





Whether you're entertaining or celebrating, our professional culinary and experienced events teams will **craft an evening that will delight and wow your guests.**





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