Create Something Unforgettable at The MAX

Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience℠

Rental Guide

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Welcome to the
HALL OF FAME

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Give your guests the opportunity to explore the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience—Mississippi's most unique and inspiring event setting. Located in the heart of downtown Meridian, The MAX celebrates Mississippi's rich cultural legacy by showcasing the artists, musicians, writers, and storytellers who have shaped our state and influenced the world.

Our contemporary space blends striking architecture with immersive exhibitions, offering an extraordinary backdrop rooted in Mississippi creativity. Terrazzo floors, soaring ceilings, elegant fountains, and abundant natural light create a memorable environment that enhances any gathering.

Whether you're hosting a meeting, reception, lecture, wedding, or large celebration, The MAX offers flexible indoor and outdoor spaces for events of all sizes. Choose from our approved caterers, and work closely with our event coordinator to ensure every detail is seamless and unforgettable.

Why Host Your Event at The MAX?

- Centrally located in downtown Meridian on I-59 & 20
- Award-winning contemporary architecture
- Indoor and outdoor venues for small to large groups
- Stunning visual environment featuring exhibitions, art, and Mississippi storytelling
- Event coordinator support from planning through execution
- Convenient guest parking options
- Approved catering partners with full bar service

Event Support

The MAX provides:

- Event coordination
- Housekeeping
- Security
- Approved vendor listing, including caterers, DJs, florists, photographers, tent rentals, etc.

Explore Our Event Spaces

From open-air celebrations under the stars to grand indoor receptions surrounded by Mississippi legends, The MAX offers versatile spaces for nearly any type of event.

Citizens National Bank Courtyard
A scenic outdoor venue blending art and nature—perfect for weddings, festivals, and elegant evening gatherings.

Structural Steel Services, Inc. Hall of Fame
The signature space of The MAX. This soaring, two-story immersive gallery makes a dramatic setting for receptions, banquets, and special celebrations.

Marty + Linda Davidson Roof Terrace
A stylish, breezy rooftop space ideal for intimate weddings, receptions, cocktail events, and unique professional gatherings.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Multipurpose Gallery
A versatile, centrally located space with views of the Hall of Fame rotunda—well-suited for professional or social events.

Alexander Family Church Gallery
A beautifully crafted Mississippi chapel available for select events.

Mississippi
Arts+
Entertainment
Experience

6:30-9:30 PM
Free Film Screening
at The Temple Theater
THURSDAY, OCT. 16
6:30-8 PM
Panel Discussion
at The MAX

Event Spaces

Citizens National Bank **Courtyard**

An outdoor space offering a scenic blend of art and nature, this spacious venue easily transforms from casual to elegant.

Square Footage: 6,000+ sq. ft.

Capacity: Up to 700

Features: Stage with shimmering glass backdrop, fountains, natural landscaping, private entrance

Ideal for: Festivals, weddings, receptions, concerts, corporate events

Structural Steel Services, Inc. **Hall of Fame**

The signature space of The MAX. Soaring two stories tall, this gallery immerses guests in the stories of Mississippi's cultural icons.

Usable Space: Approx. 3,000 sq. ft.

Reception: 250 (Hall of Fame only), 370 (with group lobby)

Banquet: 120 (Hall of Fame only), 170 (with group lobby)

Theater: 150

Classroom: 80

Ideal for: Galas, banquets, award ceremonies, receptions, conferences

Marty + Linda Davidson **Roof Terrace**

Elevate your event—literally. This stylish rooftop terrace brings a modern, city-chic atmosphere to weddings, gatherings, and professional events.

Square Footage: 2,940 sq. ft.

Capacity: 150

Ideal for: Intimate weddings, receptions, cocktail socials, corporate events

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CRITIC
POET
EDITOR
PRINTMAKER
POTTER
DESIGNER
ARCHITECT
SCULPTOR
PAINTER

UNION HOTEL

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi **Multipurpose Gallery**

Located in the heart of the museum, this flexible space offers direct views of the Hall of Fame and easy access to exhibitions. A perfect option for meetings, luncheons, presentations, or social events.

Square Footage: 2,300 sq. ft.
Reception: 140
Banquet: 100
Theater: 120
Classroom: 80
Ideal for: Meetings, workshops, luncheons, receptions, training sessions

Alexander Family **Church Gallery**

A beautifully detailed Mississippi chapel complete with pews, stained glass, and period details. This intimate venue is ideal for small ceremonies or performances.

Capacity: 40 (pews only)
Ideal for: Ceremonies, readings, presentations

Specialty **Event Spaces**

(Recording and art studio available upon request)

Exhibit Access

Enhance your event with exclusive or guided access to The MAX's immersive exhibitions.

Ideal for: Receptions, VIP groups, corporate events, educational tours
Adds: A memorable Mississippi-inspired cultural experience

Classroom

A creative and flexible space perfect for children's birthday parties, hands-on workshops, and small group activities.

Ideal for: Kids' parties, camps, art activities, educational programs
Features: Easy-to-clean surfaces, AV access, proximity to exhibits

Boardroom

A professional, private room perfect for business needs.

Ideal for: Meetings, interviews, strategy sessions
Features: Conference seating, AV connections, quiet environment

Recording Studio *(contact: recordingstudio@msarts.org)*

A unique space honoring Mississippi's music legacy. Ideal for intimate recording sessions or as a creative experience add-on.

Ideal for: Podcasting, music demos, student programs
Experience Option: Guests can record a keepsake track during events

Art + Pottery Studios

Hands-on creative spaces designed to spark imagination.

Ideal for: Art workshops, painting sessions, team-building activities
Features: Worktables, sinks, durable surfaces

Catering & Bar Services

All alcoholic beverages and soft drinks must be provided by an approved caterer with necessary permits.

Food service must be coordinated in advance with the event coordinator.

Policies

- No open flames, candles, glitter, or confetti permitted indoors
- Enclosed candles allowed outdoors in approved areas
- The MAX does not provide staff to move props, musical instruments, or staging

Planning Your Event

- Event plans must be submitted 15 days prior
- A required walk-through with The MAX event coordinator must occur no later than 15 days before the event
- Rental clients must provide a Certificate of Insurance naming The MAX as an additional insured
- Outdoor events with amplified music may require a Special Event Permit (client is responsible for costs)
- Rentals may be available on Sunday or Monday ($2,000 minimum)

Member Discount

Qualifying MAX members receive a 5% discount on space rentals (excludes additional services).

Frequently Asked Questions

What are your rental rates? Rental fees are customized based on event type and needs. Fees include event staffing and required post-event cleanup.

When can my event begin and end? Events may begin at 8:00 AM. Weeknight events must end by 11:00 PM; Friday and Saturday events may run until midnight.

How do I reserve a space? We can hold your date for one week with no deposit. A 50% deposit is required thereafter to secure your reservation.

Can I hang signs or banners? Signs may not be affixed to walls, but freestanding banners and signage are permitted.

Can I bring my own alcohol? No. All alcoholic beverages must be provided and served by an approved caterer with necessary permits.

Do I need insurance? Yes. A Certificate of Insurance is required two weeks prior to your event.

Can I choose my own vendors? Yes-however, vendors outside the current approved list must meet MAX requirements and be approved at least one month before the event.

Rental Rates

Museum Hours: *9 am-5 pm Tuesday-Saturday*	**Museum Hours:** *Per Hour Rate*	**Museum Hours:** *Full Day Rate*	**Before/After Hours:** **$2,000 min. required*
All Spaces	Not Available	Not Available	$10,000
Citizens National Bank Courtyard	**$200	**$1,000	$3,500
Structural Steel Services Hall of Fame	Not Available	Not Available	$3,000
Marty & Linda Davidson Roof Terrace	**$200	**$850	$2,000
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Multi-Purpose Gallery	$200	$850	$2,000
Fred & Sissie Wile Changing Gallery	$150	$700	*$1,250
BCBS Multi-Purpose Gallery & Wile Changing Gallery Combo	$250	$1,000	$2,500
Alexander Family Church Gallery	Not Available	Not Available	$2,000
Gipson Steel Boardroom	$150	$700	*$1,000
Trustmark 2D Studio	$150	$650	*$1,000
Meridian Coca-Cola: Hardy & Dottye Graham Classroom	$150	$650	*$1,000
Governor's Recording Studio	***$75	***$450	***$100/hour
Yates Construction 3D Studio	Custom quotes available upon request for 3D Pottery Studio		

** $2,000 minimum rental fee*

*** Subject to additional service fees for setups that include adding, moving, or removing any furniture, fixtures, or any other setup items*

**** Audio Engineer fees not included*

Additional Services

Service	Rate	Specifications + Notes
Tablecloths & Linens	$35 per linen/ cloth	Cleaning fees
Beverages	$2 per beverage $15 per person all day	Complimentary coffee and non-bottled water available upon request
Portable Stage	$400 any size	3 Configurations: 8’ x 12’ 12’ x 12’ 12’ x 16’
Green Room Spaces	$300 per space	In addition to after-hours rental and for rented time only
Wedding Walkthrough	$250 per hour after 5pm	Complimentary during museum hours. Must be scheduled with event coordinator. For weddings requiring a walkthrough only (no setup)
Audio/Visual Technician	$100 per hour	Includes limited AV equipment Hours will be added for all setup, event, and breakdown time
Security	$30 per hour per guard	Events hosting over 200 guests will incur additional security fees

All services are subject to availability and must be requested no later than 15 days prior to the event date. Any requests after 15 days prior to the event may be unavailable or incur additional fees to contract third-party vendors.

Approved Caterers + Food Trucks

Name	Contact	Phone
***Carolyn's Creations**	Carolyn Wilkerson	601-483-9750
Fare on Eighth	April Sellers	601-227-3848
Grill Man	Daryl Jones	601-513-6236
***Hillbilly Dots**	Doritha Bryant	601-880-1805
It's a Wrap Roll'n Café	Crystal Jones	601-527-8843
Jabo's Eats & Sweets Food Truck	Sharese Rasco	601-207-4077
Kountry Dee's	Belinda McElroy	769-351-0611
Kona Ice	Brandon Jones	601-917-5662
Legends Bistro	Tonesia Scott	228-327-1986
McAlister's Deli	Billy Hopkins	601-693-0966
Newk's Eatery	Michael McCarty	601-621-4536
Pat's BBQ and More	Patricia Nix	601-616-0635
***Pretty Presentations**	Renee McDonald	601-485-2331
Sippin Snow	Gwendolyn Fikes	601-880-6134
Skenny Smash Burgers	Kenneth & Janice Williams	601-790-0410
Sno Biz	Mike Rutledge	601-938-7772
***Something Southern Squealer's BBQ**	Theresa Cranmore	601-693-0910
Sweet Simplicity	Anne-Elise Baty	769-219-9937
The Scoop	Tom Nguyen	601-453-5559
***Unlimited Possibilities**	Gwen Blakely	601-527-0547
***Weidmann's**	Brian Driskill	601-581-5770
Zac's Catfish and Chicken	Zachary Johnson	601-484-7280

** Caterer has liquor license*

Food Trucks

Logo

Color Palette

Pantone 307 (Blue)
CMYK | 100, 16, 0, 27
RGB | 0, 107, 166
HTML | #006ba6

Black
CMYK | 0, 0, 0, 0
RGB | 00, 00, 00
HTML | #000000

Primary Lockup

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Vertical Lockup

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Horizontal Lockup

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Book Your Event
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Hosting your event at The MAX supports our exhibitions, educational programs, and community events—all celebrating Mississippi's creative legacy.

Visit us online to purchase memberships, buy tickets, shop The MAX Store, or explore rental options.

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