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The Des Moines Art Center

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The Des Moines Art Center is the perfect place to make any special event extraordinary. From wedding receptions to corporate meetings and holiday parties, the Art Center can customize your event exactly the way you envision. The Main Lobby is suitable for a 300-person reception or a sit-down dinner for up to 125. As part of the original structure by Eliel Saarinen, the lobby boasts oak paneled walls and travertine floors, with doors leading out to the Maytag Courtyard. Weather permitting, the courtyard is also available for a group of 100-200, and sets the perfect mood for an evening under the stars. The granite reflecting pool is surrounded by the architecture of Saarinen, I.M. Pei, and Richard Meier. The 950-square-foot restaurant has galleries on two sides and a curved glass wall overlooking the Maytag Courtyard and reflecting pool. The cubic granite floors and white walls are Meier's signature style. This area is ideal for sit-down dinners for up to 56 persons or receptions for up to 100. The 220-seat Levitt Auditorium is well suited for meetings, symposia, lectures, music or vocal performances, or film and video previews. From casual and stylish, to black-tie elegance, the Des Moines Art Center is here to help you plan the perfect event.

