A Highlands Wedding

HIGHLANDS EVENTS

Thank You

There are hundreds of choices you make as you prepare for your wedding, and we are humbled and honored to have been chosen as your wedding venue.

Thank you for trusting us with your day.

We've put together this guide to help you feel confident and organized as your wedding draws nearer. You can refer to the guides, templates, and recommendations within, and of course, never hesitate to reach out to us directly for one-on-one support.

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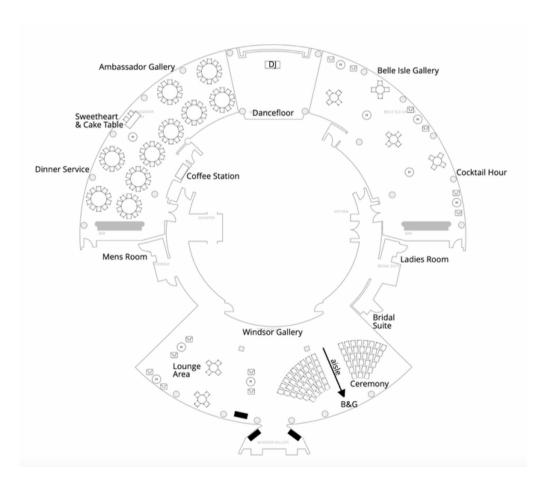
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The Highlands Ballroom features a comfortable mid-century vibe with standout 360 degree views of the US and Canada highlighting Detroit's "comeback energy".

Innovative food presentations from sumptuous food stations to creative served meals are accented by event space dedicated to views from sunrise to sunset. Libations feature the classics to customized cocktails all under the direction of an inhouse beverage guru.

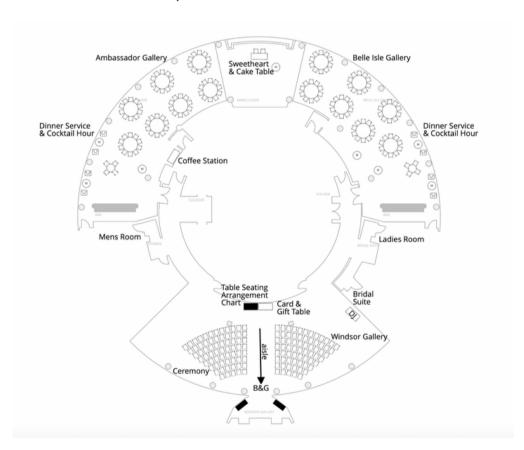
Service is personalized and attentive, welcoming guests high above the iconic General Motors Renaissance Center making our home your home.

100 GUEST W/ CEREMONY



This is a 100 guest floor plan with a ceremony. You will note the ceremony takes place in our Windsor Gallery to the right of our glass elevators. Guests will then flow into our Belle Isle Gallery for cocktail hour, and final to the Ambassador Gallery for plated dinner (10 people each at 10 tables) and dancing.

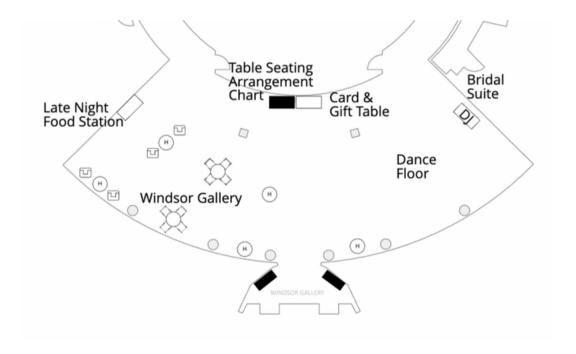
140 GUESTS W/ CEREMONY TO DJ SWITCH PT. 1



This is a 140 guest floor plan with a ceremony and to dj switch pt. 1. Ceremony takes place in our Windsor Gallery in front of our elevators with a pipe-and-drape or hedges behind. Guests will then flow into half of our Belle Isle Gallery and half of our Ambassador Gallery for cocktail hour split between our two bars.

Guests are seated among 14 tables with 10 at each table in the other halves of the Belle Isle and Ambassador Galleries. Dance floor is set with a sweetheart table for the bride and groom which will be removed for dancing post dinner and cake ceremony.

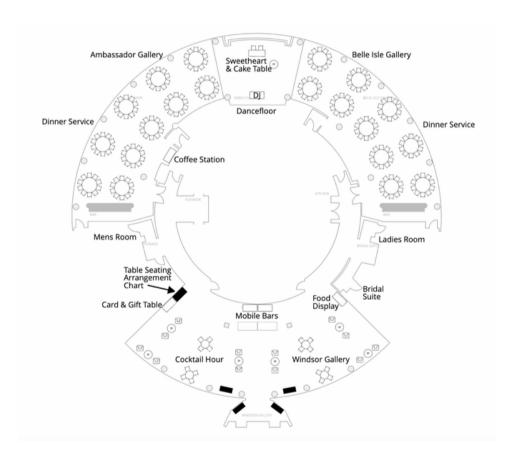
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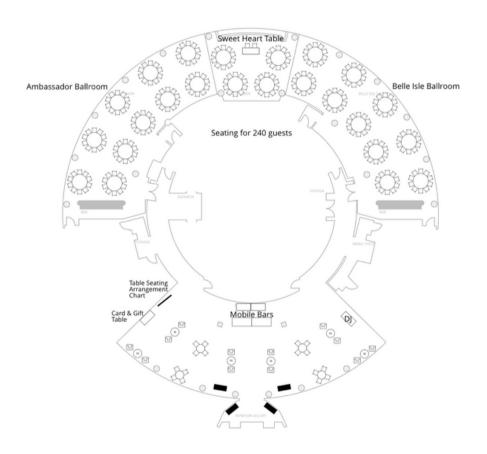
200 GUESTS WITH COCKTAIL HOUR



This is a 200 guest floor plan with a cocktail hour. Because the ceremony was held off-site, the cocktail hour takes place in our Windsor gallery with two mobile bars.

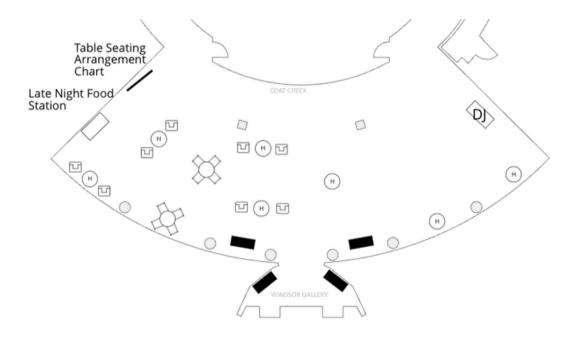
Guests are seated among 20 tables with 10 at each table in the Belle Isle and Ambassador Galleries. Dance floor is set with a sweetheart table for the bride and groom which will be removed for dancing post dinner and cake ceremony..

240 GUEST FLOOR PLAN WITH A ROOM FLIP PT. 1



This is a 240 guest floor plan, featuring a Cocktail Hour reception space set up in Windsor Gallery, and 24 guest tables in the Ambassador and Belle Isle Ballrooms, with a Sweetheart Table in the center of the guest tables. The cocktail hour would take place in the Windsor Gallery, with the DJ set up along either wall. When guests move into the ballrooms for dinner service, we flip the Windsor Gallery to a dance floor with lounge furniture on the opposite end of the room to create a wonderful area to dance the night away.

240 GUEST FLOOR PLAN WITH A ROOM FLIP PT. 2



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Requirements & Recommendations

Requirements

We believe in being transparent about the things we need some outside assistance with. In our experience as an award winning venue and food and beverage team, here are the things we ask our guests to provide to make sure we can focus on what we do best.

To ensure a perfect day at Highlands, we require:

- A professional day of coordinator this allows you and your family and friends to focus on you! This person must be a professional coordinator who is trained to execute weddings.
- An officiant (IF YOU ARE HAVING YOUR CEREMONY WITH US) we love your love! we're just not qualified to make it legal.
 - A DJ or Band we have some great recommendations to make sure you can boogie down all night.
- A detailed spreadsheet of all guests' menu choices, dietary preferences, and allergies - no less than 2 weeks before the date of your event (see template on page 24).
- Set up and tear down of any decor within your rental period- which does not belong to Highlands, ie centerpieces, AV equipment, lights, flower arrangements, any rented furniture, etc.
- Carts and moving equipment for any setup and tear down these can be coordinated through Marriott, but Highlands is not able to provide carts.

Recommendations

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To ensure a perfect day at Highlands, we recommend:

- A florist or other vendors to manage any centerpieces and decor.
- Ensuring your coordinator does "pack out" helping to break down your decor.
- Don't forget about your vendors who will be spending the whole day when planning dinner they need to eat too! We can include vendors in your guest count for 4 courses, or just an entree remember to please check your contracts with vendors! They may require what your guests are eating before you make that decision. Just the entree option is \$45.



Rentals & Upgrades from Highlands



Amber gold glass life like candles that are battery operated.

Candles available - \$100 flat fee

Linens & Napkins - If you are interested in other colors other than our standard white, black, and ivory - please ask about those options and the upgrade pricing





Bud Vases - We have an assortment of bud vases available for use - (80) vases available

Clear or amber - \$100 flat fee

Rentals & Upgrades from Highlands

Usher Service

The GMREN CEN does not allow private signs to be put up throughout the building, AND the Marriott does not allow them either - to make things more clear for your guests, you may add on an usher service ran by Highlands Staff (we do provide you with clear and detailed instructions to put on your Wedding Website / Invitations) but this is helpful for guests when arriving into the building from the Beaubien Place Garage to direct guests the correct way using the escalators or the Marriott Elevators

\$150 flat fee

Restroom Attendant

You may elevate your guests experience by having a Highlands staff member attend both the men's and women's restroom's - making sure it is clean at all times and the counters and toilets are wiped down after all guest usage. We will also provide a basket filled with the items below for your guests to use in each restroom: Mints , Tide-to go pen , Lint Roller, Feminine products, Hair spray, Deodorant, Mouth Wash, Hand Lotion, Dental Floss, Static Guard & Wrinkle Release, Bobby Pins, Safety Pins, Dress Tape, Sewing Kit with scissors, Cough Drops, Antiacid Tablets, Advil

\$150 flat fee

AV Equipment & Screens

Equipment available for rent includes AV Microphone, TV's, Podium, Projector with Screen. Operation of these devices is not included with rental.

\$100 flat fee

Every wedding is customizable to your liking - consider elevating your guests' dining experience by upgrading your food and beverage menu.

Platters & Displays

ADDED DURING YOUR COCKTAIL HOUR (PRICED PER 25 PERSONS PER PLATTER)

CHILLED SHELLFISH - raw oysters, poached shrimp, lobster tails, crab cocktail sauce, remoulade, lemon aioli, mignonette - *GF*, *DF* [Market Price]

SHASHIMI PLATTER - tuna, salmon, beef, yuzu kosho, chili crunch, pickled vegetable salad, avocado, crispy rice **[\$400]**

ARTISINAL AMERICAN CHEESES - chef's selection of cheeses, with an assortment of seasonal fresh fruit, dried apricots & toasted nuts - V [\$300]

CHARCUTERIE - salumi, prosciutto, coppa, sopressata, house pickled vegetables, sundried tomato, marinated olives, whole grain mustard, crackers - *DF* [\$325]

PROSCUITTO & OLIVE BOARD - sliced italian prosciutto, marinated olives - GF, DF [\$185]

MEDITERRANEAN HUMMUS - creamy whipped chickpea hummus, pita chips, assorted vegetables - V [\$150]

CAPRESE - grilled stone fruit, heirloom tomato, burrata, basil, pine nut, sarveccio [\$200]

VEGETABLE CRUDITE - cucumber, cauliflower, baby carrot, broccoli, cherry tomato, red pepper, blue cheese dip, creamy hummus, buttermilk-herb dressing - *V, GF* [\$200]

FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT - chef's selection of seasonally available fruits - V, GF, DF [\$200]

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Late-Might Stations

CASUAL, FUN FOOD OPTIONS FOR THAT LATE NIGHT FINISH TO YOUR EVENT PRICED PER PERSON

PIZZA - pepperoni, cheese, mushroom & peppers; mozzarella & red sauce [\$12]

MEDITERRANEAN MEZZE BAR - hummus, pita, falafel, stuffed grape leaves, olives, vegetables - V [\$10]

SWEET FOND FAREWELL - classic glazed donuts & macarons - V [\$10]

CHEF ATTENDANT LATE NIGHT STATIONS (REQUIRED FOR LISTED STATIONS BELOW)

PRICE FOR CHEF ATTENDANT STATIONS \$250

TACOS - chicken tinga, watermelon radish escebeche, lime crema, salsa verde & carne asada, pickled red onion, queso fresco, salsa rojo **[\$12]**

SLIDERS - cheeseburger, burger sauce, house pickles, lettuce, and tomato & fried chicken, hot honey, Texas petes aioli, house pickles **[\$12]**

DETROIT CONEY ISLAND HOT DOGS - all beef hot dogs, coney chili, onions, cheddar, ketchup, mustard **[\$10]**

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Signature Cocktails for His & Hers Cocktails

\$14 PER PERSON FOR ONE SIGNITURE COCKTAIL \$20 PER PERSON FOR TWO SIGNITURE COCKTAILS

TONY'S ORIGINALS - Highlands Old Fashioned, Cable Car, Luce Del Sol (vodka, Aperol, grapefruit, honey syrup, orange, lemon)

HIGHLANDS CLASSICS - House G&T, The High Bar (vodka, Aperol, St. Germaine, lemon sour, ruby red grapefruit, mint), High Bar Spritz (vodka, Aperol, prosecco, soda)

SEASONAL MIXED DRINKS - Skyfall 2.0 (aquavit, creme de violette, allspice, dram, lemon, honey), Amigo del Verano (Lunazul Blanco, Aperol, lemon, simple syrup), Wave-Length (gin, basil-cucumber syrup, lime, aloe liquor)

MARGARITAS - classic, strawberry, watermelon, or peach; salts: Tajin, Smoked Sea Salt, Spicy Salt

ADDITIONAL FAVORITES - negroni, espresso martini, paloma, sangria, rum punch, dirty shirley, black manhattan

Highlands
Preferred Vendors

Each of those listed below is tried and true with Highlands events. They know how to navigate our high rise, and we always enjoy working with them. If you prefer to hire in someone not on this list, you are more than welcome to! We love meeting great new contacts in the industry.

Event Planners

ELEMENT EVENT DESIGN
248-396-1017
taylor@element-eventdesign.com

HALEY MAKAY EVENTS
517-672-9068
HaleyMakayEvents@gmail.com

FEAR NO MORE EVENTS 810.406.8187 lessica@fearnomoreevents.com

CLINK & CO. DESIGNS
923-3383
clinkandcodesigns@gmail.com

K. ADAM EVENTS (407)222-6848 info@kadamevent.com

Event Planners Cont.

ELEGANT EVENT PLANNING (734) 751-8021 info@elegantep.com

KENNEDY PLANNING COMPANY (810)347-9562 kennedyplanningco@gmail.com

DJ Services

LOVE PLUS ONE WEDDING DJS (248) 761-6900 info@loveplusone.com

MIKE STAFF PRODUCTIONS (248) 689 -0777 greatservice@mikestaff.com

SUGAR EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT (248) 679 -2443 info@sugareventsent.com

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DJ Services Cont.

CHRISTOPHER LONDON DJ SERVICE (313) 497-4106 https://cldjservice.com/contactus

CSEIB PRODUCTIONS
(586) 817-1428
cseibproductions@gmail.com

DJ STEADY ROCK (313) 727-3898 bookdjsteadyrock@gmail.com

DJ PET (734) 250-2835 dipetentertainment@gmail.com

Live Band Entertainment

BLUE WATER KINGS BAND (810) 214-0020 info@bluewaterkingsband.com

Live Band Cont.

THE BRIAN ALEXANDER BAND (810) 471-0446 ghusted01@gmail.com

INTRIGUE BAND
(248) 839-1625
stellabystarlight1@comcast.net

Florals

VIVIANO'S FLOWER SHOP 586-285-2252 OR 800-VIVIANO ejanusch@viviano.com

GERYCH'S (810) 629-5995 marcia@gerychsevents.com

MOTHER OF PEARL DESIGN info@motherofpearl.design

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Florals Cont.

THE FLOWER KITTEN
586-533-4513
woernerevents@gmail.com

EPSILON FLORAL epsilonfloral.com/letsconnect

SILK THUMB FLORIST 734) 284-7974 info@SilkThumbFlorist.com

Stationary | Invitations

INVITES INK (248) 258-1657

SHAYTIONARY DESIGNS (419) 722-8509 ShaytioneryDesigns@gmail.com

Photographers

ROSY AND SHAUN PHOTOGRAPHY (313) 556-4821 hello@rosyandshaun.com

CHETTARA T PHOTOGRAPHY psst@chettaratphotography.com

CATCHFLY PHOTOGRAPHY 734-765-6470 catchflyphotos@gmail.com

SAM SARKIS PHOTOGRAPHY (248) 538-9411

Photobooths

SHUTTERBOOTH (248) 545-6460 info@shutterbooth.com

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Photobooths Cont.

MAMMOTH! PARTY

https://www.mammothparty.com

SIMPLY PHOTO BOOTHS
(734) 386-0053
simplyphotoboothsmi.com/contact

Rentals

FVFNT SOURCE

https://www.eventsource.com

DISPLAY GROUP

http://www.displaygroup.com

MODERNLY EVENTS

https://www.modernlyevents.com

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

events@specialoccasionsmi.com

Rentals Cont.

ELEGANT EVENTS

https://elegantchiavaris.com/

The Final

Details

Final Spread Sheet

This excel spread sheet is an example of what is needed when you are ready to have your final details meeting. We will need the following information: All guests names, their entree selections, any dietary restrictions, and what table they will be seated at.

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ordan	Ridenour	Beef		Stephanie	Nelson	Chicken	
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Guest Place Cards

When you are doing your guests place cards it will need to be readable for our staff to take down these orders when going around to their tables. Their name, entree order, and any dietary restrictions need to be on their place cards. All place cards will need to be placed at the guest tables prior and we request that you have a table seating arrangement chart for your guests to know where they are seated.



You are welcome to change up the font and colors of these place cards, but we do request them to be readable from at least a 6 foot distance for our servers. This states John Doe ordered Chicken and has a gluten and dairy allergy.

Sample Rsup

We recommend sending your RSVPs out at least 3 full months before your date, and requesting replies by at least 3 weeks prior. We require food and beverage to be finalized within 2 weeks of your date. Two weeks prior is when your final guest count and final balance is due - your final details call will be scheduled and we will expect these details to be organized so we can prepare appropriately.

The above RSVP includes all necessary information: an accept or decline section, your menu choices (this invitation is for our Deluxe Tier with 2 entree selections), the dietary information for the chosen entrees, and a section for your guest to list any dietary restrictions or allergies.

Please note that for all tiers, a vegan/vegetarian option is provided at no additional charge for a maximum 10% of your guest count. If additional vegetarian options are required, please consider making one of your entree options vegetarian.

rsup
kindly reply by [at least 3 weeks before wedding date]
accept with pleasure graciously decline
please choose one:
Amish Chicken (gf)
Lamb Chops (df, gf)
dietary restrictions/allergies:



If you paid your 1st deposit in cash or check, your tasting is complimentary for the bride and groom only. If you paid by card, tastings are a la carte per person with a 50% discount. You are more than welcome to bring more guests to your tastings, but we will need to know ahead of time on how many guests will be attending.

Tastings are scheduled 3-6 months before your special day. We hold tastings on Wednesdays and Thursdays with start times from 12-6pm.

Your tasting is designed to be a sampling of the hors d'oeuvres, entrees, and desserts you may wish to serve to your guests. As you prepare for your tasting, you will choose the items you'd like to experience and they will be prepared by our chefs in the same way they will be served for your wedding.

Tasting Template Below:
4-6 Passed Hors d'oeuvres
1-2 Appetizers
2-4 Entrees
1-2 Desserts

Cocktails are not included with your tasting but may be arranged for an additional fee in advance.

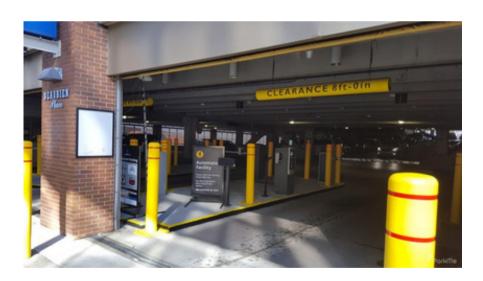


Parking

Beaubien parking garage is attached to the Renaissance center, (the building Highlands is located in). Below is the verbiage to put on your wedding website and wedding invitations:

Please utilize the Beaubien Place Parking Garage that is located on the east side of the Rencen, 2nd garage closest to the river - 238 Beaubien St, Detroit MI 48243 - Please make sure you park in this parking structure, We will not be able to validate your parking if you park in the first garage, which is PORT ATWATER. Beaubien has blue signs, Port Atwater has red signs. I have attached a picture of what the correct parking garage looks like on the outside for your reference.

Picture of garage below:



https://d13esfgglb25od.cloudfront.net/lot_img/86948/db1b27ec9947466395 3ae0018af27b5f_medium.jpg

Once you park in the garage, please utilize the 2nd floor bridge that is located in the parking garage. It will give you direct access to the building. You may use the escalators or the Marriott elevators.

Making Your Way to the Highlands Host Stand

Usage of Escalators: Once you enter the building, you will then proceed straight ahead and will walk around the blue circular wall and will find escalators. Please take 2 escalators up to the 3rd level. You will then walk around a circular wall and will find the Highlands Host stand; please tell the hostess you are here for the [name of guests wedding] and she will be able to scan you up to the 72nd floor.

Usage of Elevators: Once you enter the building, you will turn to your right and will walk until you see an arrow pointing to the Marriott Guest Elevators. There will be glass doors at the entrance of the overpass to your left. You will see a Starbucks and a big red gumball machine at the entrance of the elevators. Take the elevator up to level 3. Once you have arrived, turn to your right, or left to exit out of the elevator lobby area and you will see glass doors to the entrance of the Highlands host stand; please tell the hostess you are here for the [name of guests wedding], and she will be able to scan you up to the 72nd floor. If you have any questions on navigating the building when you enter, there will be a security guard at the entrance of the 2nd level bridge. If you ask which way to the Highlands, they will be able to direct you the correct way.

