MINNES©TA STATE FAIRGROUNDS



PROGRESS CENTER

Trade Shows \star Receptions \star Conferences \star Galas

With a rich history dating back to 1907, the Progress Center has the distinction of being one of the two oldest buildings on the iconic Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Stunning finishes include high ceilings, clean and classic lines, abundant natural light and original early-1900s exposed brick. Featuring 25,000 square feet of open, flexible space, this timeless venue is the ideal setting for any event – whether you choose a simple ambiance focused on the architecture or let your imagination set the tone with theme, style and décor.







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Location:

1621 Randall Ave. at Cosgrove Street

Available:

April to October (except Aug. 1 to mid-September)

Includes:

- Typically one set-up/decorating day immediately before and one décor/ rental equipment removal day immediately following the scheduled event date (based on availability)
- Free parking on the streets and in the lots surrounding the venue
- Restrooms
- Small private office area

Rental Fee:

\$1,800 per day

Capacity:

25,000 square feet

Food & Beverage Options:

• You may select one of our approved caterers to provide food and beverage service for your event. (Catering services subject to a 15% privilege fee, which the caterer pays directly to the State Fair.)

Additional Information:

- Supplemental audio/visual and staging equipment such as projectors and additional screens and sound systems may be rented for your event through our preferred production company.
- Our recommended decorating vendors can provide tables, chairs, linens, décor, tents, food service ware, backdrops, tabletop accessories and other equipment. Or bring your own decorations to add pizzazz. (Sorry, we don't allow glitter, confetti, helium balloons or taping or adhering items to the walls; other restrictions may apply.)
- The State Fair currently offers rental of 8' rectangular banquet tables, folding chairs and other event equipment. See the Event Rate Sheet on our website for details. Equipment subject to availability.
- Electrical consumption, garbage removal, and labor is billed to the rental client.
- Wi-Fi is available for an additional fee.
- The presence of a State Fair police officer is required at events where alcoholic beverages are served during scheduled event hours. This charge (four-hour minimum) is the responsibility of the renting party.
- All parties hosting events on the fairgrounds are required to have general public liability insurance, which may be purchased through the State Fair's insurance carrier.



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Please note that all events at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds must submit a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan to the fair for review and approval and must follow the event and capacity guidelines of the Minnesota Department of Health and Office of the Governor that are in effect at the time of the event.



