Rent our space, support art in Portland.

Oregon Center for Contemporary Arts’s facility is an inspiring and creative environment that adapts to a variety of sizes and needs.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on donations and grants, your rental fee allows Oregon Contemporary to provide a professional platform in which curators and artists can realize their best work.

Top 20 of AirBnB’s Arts and Culture recommendations for Portland

Exhibition and performance space, artists’ hub, innovative arts programmer—since its inception 15 years ago, Oregon Contemporary (formerly Disjecta) has blossomed from a scrappy, word-of-mouth gem into a beloved Portland cultural institution.

- Portland Monthly

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Events at Oregon Contemporary

Conveniently located at the Kenton MAX station on Trimet’s yellow line, we welcome private and corporate parties, community meetings, photo or video shoots, weddings, holiday celebrations, concerts, film screenings and more.

Soaring ceilings, dramatic lighting, and a food cart friendly outdoor space further enhance what is already a flowing and well-designed space for your gathering.

Amenities

* On-site event manager
* Kitchenette with full-size fridge/freezer and sink
* Bar with beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages curated by Mayfly
* Access to green room
* Outdoor courtyard/green space with stage that can accommodate food trucks
* Wireless internet
* Adjustable gallery track lighting
* ADA accessibility

Equipment available (fees apply):

- (6) 6’ banquet tables
- (6) 8’ banquet tables
- (6) 60” round tables
- (6) 30” high top tables
- (130) black folding chairs
- (1) white board
- (1) metal alter
- (many) flower vases
- (8) modular stage pieces
- (2) Optoma EH500 Projectors

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Our Community + Location

The Center

Oregon Center for Contemporary Art (formerly Disjecta Contemporary Art Center) serves Portland and the Pacific Northwest with risk taking, dynamic programming from regional and national artists, offered free to the public. By hosting your event at Oregon Contemporary, you not only support these efforts, but also join a vibrant community of Portlanders devoted to making extraordinary and wonderful things throughout our 12,000 square foot building, outdoor locations and online.

Kenton Neighborhood

Oregon Contemporary is located in the historic and diverse North Portland neighborhood of Kenton, providing a cultural center for the community. The iconic statue of Paul Bunyan is next door and North Denver Avenue is home to many restaurants and shops.

Location

Oregon Contemporary is located 7 miles from Portland International Airport and is directly across from the Yellow Line MAX light rail at the Kenton/ N Denver Avenue stop.

Parking

Onsite and street parking is available. For events after 6pm you may park in the Wells Fargo lot next door. Vehicles must be gone by the next day’s bank opening hours.

Nearby Accommodations

The newly renovated boutique Kenton Hotel is located next door and offers a discount code to Oregon Contemporary event clients.

Accessibility

Studio 4 and Galleries 1 and 2 are ADA accessible, and there is an ADA restroom located in the green room.
Event Spaces at Oregon Contemporary

Platform

Platform is a versatile 1,600 square foot space that offers high ceilings, tons of natural light, beautiful wooden floors, adjustable gallery track lighting, excellent acoustics, expansive white walls that function perfectly as projection screens, and a private entrance (ADA accessibility is through main gallery space).

Availability: Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Rental rate: $1,000 per day. Please inquire about special rates for artists, nonprofits and multi-day events. Rental fee is based on a 10-hour block of time.

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Gallery 1 & Gallery 2

Galleries 1 & 2 are blank slates for large-scale events and boast polished concrete floors, expansive white walls and flexible lighting.

Availability: based on Oregon Contemporary’s exhibition schedule. During your requested time frame it is likely artwork will be on view in the gallery. Please contact us for availability and details, and please understand that limitations may apply.

Rental rate: $1,000 per day for Gallery 2. $3,000 per day for Gallery 1. $4,000 for both Gallery spaces. Plus $35/hour required site manager fee. Based on availability. Please inquire about special rates for artists, nonprofits and multi-day events. Rental fee is based on a 10-hour block of time.
Outdoor space

The courtyard at Oregon Contemporary is an outdoor green space that flows seamlessly into the indoor gallery spaces via a roll-up glass garage door. The space has a built-in wooden stage and a tiered grassy area that can function as seating. It can accommodate food trucks and is ADA accessible.

Rental Rate: The courtyard is included when renting Platform and Galleries 1 and 2. For just the courtyard: $100/hour, 5-hour minimum. Plus required $35/hour site manager fee.
Platform Dimensions + Power

Electrical outlet locations indicated in orange. ADA ramp indicated in light blue.
Gallery 1 & Gallery 2 Dimensions + Power

Wall height approximately 12’. Ceiling height variable (from 12’ to 25’). Electrical outlets at 12’ on rafters throughout gallery indicated by pink lines.

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Policies

Payment + Deposits
A major credit card is required to be on file for all events. Payment can be made with a corporate check or money order, but all checks must clear one week prior to event date. In order to secure the space, Oregon Contemporary requires a signed contract, a $250 security deposit and a deposit of 50% of the rental fee. The remaining rental balance is due within 14 days of the event date. Security deposit is fully refundable provided all decor and trash are removed at the conclusion of the event. There is a $35 per hour site manager fee required for all events.

Cancellations
The 50% deposit is refundable, less a $150 administrative fee, if cancellation occurs before 90 days of Oregon Contemporary's receipt of signed contract. In the event of Renter cancellation within 30 days of event date, Renter is responsible for 80% of full rental amount minus deposit. In the event of Renter cancellation within 60 days of event date, Renter is responsible for 60% of full rental amount minus deposit. In the event of Renter cancellation within 14 days of event date, Renter is responsible for full rental amount.

Rental Time
Platform, Gallery 1 and Gallery 2 rentals are typically charged as a 10-hour block of time. This includes setup time for all vendors, event time and time for breakdown and load-out. All rented equipment owned by Oregon Contemporary will be set prior to the start time stated in your rental contract, provided Oregon Contemporary receives this information one week prior to the event date. Any activities (including deliveries) that fall outside the contracted rental time or Oregon Contemporary’s office hours will incur an hourly charge specified in the rental contract.

Insurance
A certificate of liability insurance providing $1,000,000 per occurrence and naming Oregon Center for Contemporary Art as additionally insured is required for events with over 80 guests. A one day special event policy can be pulled from www.eventhelper.com (cost varies but is around $100 for events with 100 guests). See event contract for specific requirements.

Bar Service + Liquor Liability
Oregon Contemporary has a bar with beer, wine, cider, kombucha, coffee and flavored sparkling water. A beverage price sheet is available upon request. Beverage service can be hosted, no-host/cash bar, or partially hosted. OLCC-certified bartender(s) will be hired by Oregon Contemporary for an additional fee. Bar buyouts are available; client must use an OLCC-certified
catering partner. Liquor service incurs additional OLCC permits and fees.

Permits
Client is responsible for researching and obtaining any and all permits required by the City of Portland. These permits are not limited to, but may include OLCC licenses, tent permits, sound variances or fire marshal permits. Client is solely responsible for obtaining proper permitting and will reimburse Oregon Contemporary for any fees incurred due to client negligence.

Decor Guidelines
Flameless (battery-operated) candles only. **No glitter or confetti is allowed anywhere on premises.** Artists or clients wishing to hang or affix artwork or other materials to gallery walls must submit installation plan and obtain prior approval one week in advance of the event date. Additional fees may apply if wall patching or painting is required. **No stiletto heels are permitted in Platform space.** Security deposit will be forfeited if your decor does not comply with these guidelines, or is not completely removed by the end of your event time window.

Trash
There are dumpsters on-site. All trash and recycling (including food and bathroom waste) must be removed from the building at the conclusion of event and disposed of in dumpsters.

Preferred Vendors
Oregon Contemporary has an open vendor policy. Contact Cari for recommendations on caterers, food trucks, A/V, lighting, rental companies and event planners who would make your event a success.