Special Events

THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM
The Smithsonian National Postal Museum is devoted to the colorful and engaging history of the nation’s mail service and showcases the largest and most comprehensive collection of stamps and philatelic material in the world. Located adjacent to Union Station, the museum offers ease of arrival and departure for guests via cab service, metro, or bus line. Just steps away from Capitol Hill, the National Mall, and many downtown hotels, the National Postal Museum is the ideal location in Washington, D.C. to entertain.
Windows into America

The museum’s front exterior features an outside terrace and a glowing wall of windows with reproductions of 54 historic U.S. stamps. The windows light up at dusk providing a stunning backdrop for any event.

The terrace can be used in conjunction with the Historic Lobby.
The Historic Lobby

The Historic Lobby, with its grandiose rosette ceiling, elegant marble floors, and classical columns is one of the most magnificent and historic spaces in Washington. Guests are invited to explore the largest philatelic gallery in the world and access an outside terrace with a breathtaking view of the U.S. Capitol. Four state-of-the-art video screens can be programmed to display customizable presentations.

Seated Capacity: 275
Standing Capacity: 600
William H. Gross Stamp Gallery

This cutting edge gallery opened its doors in September 2013. Guests may explore the gallery and even make a digital postage stamp with their own image. Galleries provide engaging learning experiences for guests and enrich any special event.
The Atrium

As guests descend the escalators to the Atrium, they are greeted by the splendor of marble floors and a magnificent skylight ceiling. Guests are surrounded by a vintage train car, numerous mail vehicles, and three airmail planes that suspend from the 90-foot-high-space. Guests are invited to explore any of the postal history exhibitions located in this area.

Seated Capacity: 100
Standing Capacity: 300
Exclusive Access

Docents, volunteer gallery interpreters trained by the National Postal Museum, enrich events by providing tours or answering questions about exhibit concepts. This amenity enhances any special event.

Supporting the National Postal Museum

The Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum provide visitors access to all our galleries and experiences free of charge, 364 days a year. Donations from private supporters enhance the museum’s exhibitions and public programs. Organizations that offer a tax-deductible, unrestricted donation to the National Postal Museum are invited to celebrate their gift by cohosting an event in the museum.
Contact and General Information

For more information on reserving the National Postal Museum for your next event, please contact:

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Please note:
• Organizations that offer a tax-deductible, unrestricted donation to the National Postal Museum are invited to celebrate their gift by cohosting a special event in the museum. All special events in Smithsonian facilities are cohosted by the museum and the donor. The director of the museum, or designee, acts as cohosts at the special event.
• The National Postal Museum does not allow events of political, religious, promotional, or personal nature (e.g., weddings). In addition, no commercial, ticketed events are permitted.
• The museum subscribes to a “Blonde Bar Policy.” No red wine, red cranberry juice, or other dark beverages that could stain the marble flooring will be allowed.