

IMAGINE YOUR EVENT AT



THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE

Hall of Laureates



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One of Iowa's most spectacular venues, the Hall of Laureates offers a magnificent setting for any occasion. Whether you want to host an intimate dinner, a corporate board meeting, an elegant wedding, or a world-class conference, this historic building in the heart of downtown Des Moines has a rich history and offers every modern amenity for events.

During an event, guests have access to all the public spaces in the Hall of Laureates including the Borlaug Ballroom, Ruan Laureates Room, Iowa Gallery and the Des Moines Mural Room. Each room in the Hall of Laureates is distinctive with its own identity and purpose. In addition your guests will be able to walk through our beautiful garden space.





1. BORLAUG BALLROOM

The Borlaug Ballroom is the single largest room in the Hall of Laureates and is located on the south side of the Rotunda. This area has been transformed into an elegant gathering space honoring Dr. Borlaug.
Theater Style - Seats 275 | Rounds of 10 - Seats 220

2. RUAN LAUREATES ROOM

The Ruan Laureates Room is located opposite the Borlaug Ballroom and honors John Ruan, Sr. and the recipients of the World Food Prize.
Theater Style - Seats 240 | Rounds of 10 - Seats 140

3. FOUNDERS BOARDROOM

The Founders Boardroom pays tribute to the visionaries who founded the World Food Prize and the leaders who played a key role in the organization's history. The room is ideal for corporate board meetings.
Seats 26

4. THE DES MOINES MURAL ROOM

The Des Moines Mural Room is home to the 360-degree, 1,091- square-foot mural entitled "A Social History of Des Moines." This vibrantly colored artwork by artist Harry Donald Jones (and a team of 21 other researchers, artists and artisans) is located on the garden level.
Classroom Style - Seats 100 | Rounds- 80



ROTUNDA

The magnificent rotunda welcomes all visitors with notable quotes emphasizing the history and story of the World Food Prize.

The Rotunda features a stained glass window fabricated in Munich, Germany, crop sculptures and lunette murals tracing Dr. Borlaug's life.

Ceremony Style - Seats 170

Rounds of 10 - Seats 80

Standing - 125

CATERING

The World Food Prize Hall of Laureates has three exclusive caterers for events. Catering arrangements and cost are a separate agreement between the event holder and the caterer.

Des Moines Marriott Downtown

Christie Shull-Wendel | 515-245-5513

The Des Moines Embassy Club

Kristy Maras | 515-245-3759

Windsor Catering, A Hy-Vee Affiliated Company

Katie Poe | 515-494-9360



DANCE FLOOR

The World Food Prize Hall of Laureates requires a dance floor for all events that include dancing, through an exclusive vendor. The use of a dance floor is a separate agreement between the event holder and the vendor.



THE GARDEN

Designed by the nationally recognized landscape architect Hoerr Schaudt, the World Food Prize garden is an integral feature of the Principal Riverwalk and the urban landscape of downtown Des Moines. Guests can view the inlaid world map, the grand fountain, and prominent statues of Dr. Norman Borlaug and John Ruan Sr. The garden is available for events and is a wonderful location for cocktail receptions and photos.





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