SPECIAL EVENTS AT COOPER HEWITT
INTRODUCTION

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum is housed in philanthropist and steel magnate Andrew Carnegie’s former mansion on museum mile. Built at the turn of the century, its fin de siècle interiors feature ornate coffered oak ceilings, carved boiserie paneling, custom-made wallcoverings, and a conservatory with Palladian bronze and glass doors. A top-to-bottom interior and exterior renovation sensitively restored the grandeur of the mansion’s exquisite craftsmanship and injected contemporary architectural features to transform one of New York’s grandest residences into a dynamic, dramatic setting for gatherings of all sizes.

Situated on the highest point of Fifth Avenue with expansive views of Central Park, the mansion also enjoys one of the city’s largest enclosed gardens. The majestic Arthur Ross Terrace and Garden has been redesigned to integrate contemporary landscape features with the garden’s historic plantings, and is open year-round for tented or plein-air events.
The most notable features of the Cooper Hewitt property is the extensive garden. With views of Central Park and the magnificent Carnegie Mansion, the garden offers a range of options for your special event in all seasons. Tenting is recommended.

Private garden events can be hosted during public hours (10am-6pm) and after hours (6-10pm). Dance floors and bands are permitted. No amplified sound after 10pm.
ENTERTAIN AT COOPER HEWITT

GREAT HALL

1,388 square feet  |  Capacity 65 seated, 250 standing

Modeled after the main hall of Skibo Castle on Andrew Carnegie’s Scottish estate, Cooper Hewitt’s Great Hall serves as the main entry to the museum and features extraordinary architectural details including a grand staircase, rich wood paneling, and Tiffany style lamps.

Great Hall events can be hosted before 10am and after 6pm.
ANDREW CARNEGIE’S LIBRARY

~1,000 square feet  |  ~50 Capacity

Located off of the Great Hall, the Library is a jewel of the mansion overlooking Central Park and adorned with gilt walls, paneled wainscot and elaborately stenciled friezes featuring Andrew Carnegie’s favorite quotes.

The space is newly available for daytime events, breakfasts, meetings, and lunches and can be used for smaller evening gatherings or as added space for events in the Great Hall.
SPOON GALLERY

Located off the Great Hall, the Spoon Gallery provides additional space for an event in the mansion typically used for a bar, additional buffet, or cocktail tables.


LECTURE ROOM

1,300 square feet | Capacity 70 seated at rounds, 125 standing, 100 theater seating

Located on the ground floor of the Carnegie Mansion, Cooper Hewitt’s Lecture Room offers a contemporary space that is ideally suited for lectures, film screenings, meetings, and seminars.

The space has direct access to the garden and ground floor gallery, and has full AV capabilities. It can be used during public hours and in the evening.
GROUND FLOOR GALLERY

1,620 square feet | Capacity 200 theater seating, 125 standing, 50 seated

- Direct access to garden
- Direct access to freight elevator
- Connects to Design Studio and Lecture Room
DESIGN STUDIO

722 square feet | ~50 Capacity

- Direct access to garden
- Connects to Ground Floor Gallery
- Full AV Capabilities
TRUSTEES ROOM

600 square feet | 24 Boardroom Style, 40 Seated Rounds, 60 Standing Capacity

Located in the Miller | Fox Townhouse adjacent to the Carnegie Mansion, the Trustees Room overlooks the Arthur Ross Terrace and Gardens and provides an elegant, intimate setting for a private luncheon, meeting, lecture. Often used as a suite for weddings.
MILLER FOX LIBRARY

Located in the Miller|Fox Townhouse adjacent to the Carnegie Mansion, the Miller Fox Library provides an elegant setting for film and photo shoots, and meetings. The Library is available daytime and evening by appointment.
WEDDINGS

The Museum’s stunning garden and historic mansion offer endless possibilities for wedding receptions, mitzvahs, birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestone celebrations.

The garden offers space for a wedding, ceremony, and reception for 50 to 250 guests, and a reception for up to 500. The Carnegie Mansion makes a perfect spot for an after-party where guests can dance the night away.
FILM AND PHOTO SHOOTS

The Cooper Hewitt campus offers a picturesque backdrop for film, tv, and fashion shoots. The garden, rooftop, conference spaces and libraries are available for daytime shoots and still photography and the Carnegie Mansion can be used before 10am or after 6pm.
FLOOR MAP

FIRST FLOOR

Entrance

GROUND FLOOR

GROUND FLOOR LECTURE ROOM

GROUND FLOOR GALLERY

GROUND FLOOR DESIGN STUDIO

ANDREW CARNEGIE LIBRARY

ARTHUR ROSS TERRACE AND GARDEN

GREAT HALL

SPOON GALLERY

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PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO GARDEN