



COMMUNITY COSPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

GLOBAL VOICES

PERFORMING ARTS & LECTURE SERIES

A RICH HISTORY

There are four original International Houses—in Berkeley, Chicago, New York, and Paris—all built with funds provided by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the suggestion of Harry Edmonds, a YMCA official. Both men believed that if American and international students could live, work and study together in a comfortable multicultural environment this would lead to friendships and increased international understanding. Today, Chicago's International House is part of a consortium of 20 International Houses that are separate, independent, nonprofit institutions which span four continents and are united by one mission. Since International House at the University of Chicago first opened its doors in 1932, it has provided a "home away from home" for over 42,000 individuals from around the world.

Designed by the legendary Chicago architectural firm of Holabird and Root, International House is a nine-story gothic building which centers around a fountain courtyard and soars above the Midway Plaisance, the historic site of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. Facilities include the spacious Assembly Hall, elegant meeting rooms and banquet facilities.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

International House is more than just a residence for individuals from around the world. Educational and cultural programs such as music, dance and theatrical performances, forums and debates on world issues, and our cultural celebrations are among the hundreds of activities enjoyed by members of Chicago's communities and International House students and scholars.



FORUMS
PERFORMANCES

DEBATES

SEMINARS



FESTIVALS
PUBLIC PROGRAMS



CONFERENCES
DANCE

GLOBAL VOICES PROGRAM

A CULTURAL CENTER

Whether it's a world music or dance performance, lecture, conference or symposium, international film festival, or a cultural celebration, International House presents public programming that advances cross-cultural understanding and promotes opportunities for civic discourse on community, national and world affairs.

Since 1932, programs such as our Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series have provided Chicago's citizens, universities, cultural institutions and community groups meaningful engagement with master artists, scholars and leading figures from the world stage.

Situated in one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world and located on the campus of the University of Chicago, International House builds on its historic educational position as a presenter and host of innovative, globally-focused community outreach programs.

GLOBAL VOICES COMMUNITY COSPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Through the Global Voices Community Cosponsorship Program, International House offers its conference venues, performance space and professional support to educational and cultural organizations, as part of an on-going effort to foster culturally authentic programs and to raise awareness of contemporary global issues. We invite your group to apply for Global Voices Community Cosponsorship when planning your next public event.

DIMENSIONS CAPACITY



FLOOR PLAN

VENUES

DIMENSIONS

Assembly Hall	60' length x 40' width x 30' height
Coulter Lounge	30' length x 35' width x 16' height
Courtyard	68' length x 68' width
Home Room	40' length x 25' width x 10' height
Rockefeller Lounge	73' length x 32' width x 16' height
Tiffin Boardroom	22' length x 16' width x 11' height
Classroom	25' length x 21' width x 10' height
Library	23' length x 28' width x 13' height
North Garden	Call for information.

THEATER/ CONFERENCE

BANQUET

RECEPTION

MEETING*

360 + 142	200	470	80
50	50	50	30
N/A	50	100	N/A
85	72	85	38
125	N /A	175	N/A
12	12	25	12
30	N/A	N/A	30
30	N/A	30	24
N /A	400	600	N/A

*Hollow square table configuration



DIVERSE VENUES

THE ASSEMBLY HALL

The beautiful cathedral windows, colorful display of international flags, and rich hues of oak paneling give the spacious Assembly Hall optimum elegance and grandeur. Equipped with a balcony and a full stage including a 9 ft Steinway concert grand piano, dressing rooms, rehearsal and dance studio, projection booth and oak floors, the Assembly Hall is ideal for visual and performing arts, cultural festivals, conferences, seminars, dances and gala dinners. The Assembly Hall can accommodate five hundred guests for performances, conferences and receptions, and two hundred guests for banquets.

THE LIBRARY

The International House Library is a rich, historic space featuring an expansive collection of books curated by the local Seminary Co-op Bookstores. Bright, natural light floods through gothic windows facing the historic Midway Plaisance, and a stone fireplace makes the library a perfect venue for a small author lecture, book club discussion or reception.

THE HOME ROOM

The Home Room is a bright and elegant lounge graced with cathedral ceilings, chandeliers, and a grand piano. Located on the second floor, this room offers striking views of the University of Chicago campus. This intimate room is ideal for recitals, banquets, lectures, symposiums, and multimedia presentations. The Home Room can accommodate up to seventy-two people for banquets and as many as eighty-five for receptions and recitals.

THE TIFFIN BOARDROOM

Ideal for intimate receptions and dinners, press conferences, or as a break-out room for a full-day symposium, the Tiffin Boardroom with its historic oak conference/dining table can seat twelve guests. Basked in natural light, the Tiffin Boardroom offers a lovely view of the fountain Courtyard.



LECTURES
RECEPTIONS
RECITALS
CELEBRATIONS

WORLDLY SPACES

ROCKEFELLER LOUNGE

The Rockefeller Lounge, rededicated in 2013, is an elegant lounge graced with cathedral ceilings, chandeliers, antique furniture, and a grand piano. Located on the first floor, this room overlooks the Midway Plaisance and is adjacent to the Courtyard. This spacious room is ideal for receptions, lectures, symposiums, and recitals or small concerts. The Rockefeller Lounge can accommodate up to one hundred twenty-five people for a lecture or symposium and as many as one hundred seventy-five for receptions.

COURTYARD

Adjacent to the Rockefeller Lounge, the Courtyard is centered around a fountain and was designed by the renowned landscape architect Beatrix Farrand. The Courtyard is a bright, open space providing an accessible oasis for students to study, or for guests to dine and socialize together. The Courtyard provides a natural transition between International House's indoor and outdoor spaces, allowing for more opportunities for guests to interact. The Courtyard can accommodate up to 50 for a sit-down meal and as many as 100 people for a reception.

THE COULTER LOUNGE

The Coulter Lounge is an impressive room with a view of the historic Midway Plaisance. It boasts high ceilings, handsome oak paneling, leaded glass windows, and a stone fireplace. The Coulter Lounge, with its unique qualities of both an old-world boardroom and a private study, is the ideal room for seminars, recitals, films, and receptions. The Lounge can accommodate fifty guests in a theatre-style or banquet setting and thirty participants for a conference.

NORTH GARDEN

The North Garden provides a large open green space for outdoor activities. Accessible off Blackstone Avenue, the North Garden is a prominent convening and conversation space, created as an expanded outdoor area. The North Garden is a perfect venue for large outdoor events including tented events providing a sheltered space for activities. The North Garden can accommodate 600 for receptions and 400 for banquets.



EXHIBITS
SYMPOSIUMS
WORKSHOPS
MUSIC



HOST TO THE WORLD

ACCESSIBLE LANDMARKS

Getting to International House is easy thanks to its exceptional location. International House is fifteen minutes from the downtown Chicago Loop via Lake Shore Drive. International House is served by the Metra train line and express bus service to downtown.

Nearby attractions include the Museum of Science and Industry, the Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, the Oriental Institute, the Smart Museum of Art and the Court Theatre.

WE AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL!

BY CAR Take Lake Shore Drive to the 57th Street exit (Museum of Science and Industry). Drive four blocks west to Stony Island Avenue, then south to 59th Street, then two blocks west.

BY COMMUTER TRAIN Take the Metra train from Randolph or Van Buren Street and Michigan Avenue to 59th Street, then walk one block west.

BY CTA BUS Take the 103rd Street/Stony Island Express #28, the Hyde Park Express #2, or the Jackson Park Express #6 from downtown State Street to 59th Street, then walk two blocks west. If coming from south of International House, take the #15 Jeffery Local bus as far as 103rd Street/Stony Island to 59th Street, then walk two blocks west.

**The #28 and #2 are available from downtown during rush hours only.*

For more information about transportation and parking, visit safety-security.uchicago.edu/transportation.



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are available on our website. Contact us at International House to discuss policies, eligibility and rates. Arrange to visit us and tour our facilities.