

Omni Rental Policy and Fee Structure

The Omni Oakland Commons (“the Omni”) is a collective space to share and create.

Omni rents our ballroom, upstairs dance space, basement, and other common areas for performances, meetings, celebrations, and other events. Rental revenue goes towards structural and logistical improvements of the Omni Commons.

Our rental policy and fee structures are intended to make our space available and accessible to all of Oakland.

Rental Policy

Omni is a political project with clear vision and values. Our vision is an equitable commoning of resources and meeting of human needs over private interests or corporate profit. Our values include radical commoning of space and resources, liberation of knowledge, and transformative justice. We stand in solidarity with struggles against capitalism, racism, transmisogyny, and other forms of violence.

As Omni is a commons, we dedicate the majority of the monthly calendar to events that build our communities. For event rentals, we prioritize requests from individuals/groups aligned with our vision and values, and we reserve the right to decline requests from groups that oppose our vision and values.

Omni considers all event inquiries and booking requests submitted. In situations where a member group in Omni voices a concern about an event, we work in good faith with individuals/groups making the booking request to address any concerns in a mutually-satisfactory way before confirming events.

Fee Structure

We offer competitive rates for various groups. In an effort to support a diversity of organizations and events, we offer a sliding scale for renting space at the Omni. Those who are able to pay more for renting the space support others who are unable to pay. The fee structure below is provided as guideline. We evaluate the final fee for each event on a case-by-case basis, depending on impact on the space.

Generally, Omni determines rental fees based on the principle “from each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs.” Specific factors we consider for each event fee include:

- attendance
- public benefit
- cost to attend event
- ability to pay and charitable/nonprofit status
- needs for setup, cleanup, and other assistance
- needs for audio/visual equipment, chairs, tables, etc.
- relationship with Omni and/or member groups

Omni Ballroom:

\$300–1,000 per 4 hour rental, Monday through Thursday

\$400–1,200 per 4 hour rental, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Rental time includes setup and cleanup. Additional time adds a fee of \$75–200 per hour.

Disco Dance Space:

\$10 - 12 per hour for rehearsals or meetings

\$12 - 15 per hour for classes

\$50 - 200 per hour for performances

We are open to exploring custom arrangements for complex events.

We require a 50% deposit three weeks prior to any public performance or event. Refund and other terms are outlined in a separate facility use agreement document.

Groups, organizations, or causes we would like to host in the Omni:

This is meant to generate ideas of the types of groups we'd like to support by offering space (both rental and free/sponsored) for events and meetings. Please add!

- Critical Resistance
- Dance classes
- Art shows
- Singing/song workshops
- Justice Now!
- Phat Beets
- Public dances
- Destiny Arts
- Forward Together
- Restorative Justice Council of North Oakland
- Youth Uprising
- Catalyst Project
- Aorta Collective
- Brown Boi Project
- PUEBLO Oakland
- Sustainable Economies Law Center
- Rehearsal space for dancers
- Dance and theater performances
- Qigong and Meditation classes
- Martial arts classes
- Yoga classes