



Rothko Chapel

Wedding Ceremonies

“The Rothko Chapel is oriented toward the sacred and yet it imposes no traditional environment. It offers a place where a common orientation could be found—an orientation towards God, named or unnamed, an orientation towards the highest aspirations of Man and the most intimate calls of the conscience.” – Dominique de Menil

Private Services

Thank you for considering the Rothko Chapel for a private service. The Rothko Chapel's understated beauty and serene atmosphere make it an ideal space for events commemorating significant life passages. Approved events include wedding ceremonies, memorials services, baptisms or christenings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and other select ceremonies. The Rothko Chapel is a sacred space. It is requested that all events be conducted with a spirit of reverence. To protect the sanctity of the Chapel as a sacred space, officiants should come from a spiritual tradition (no Justice of the Peace or online ordination). For weddings, an officiant must be secured before the Chapel can be reserved.

The process for conducting a wedding ceremony at the Rothko Chapel is as follows:

1. REVIEW the enclosed *Wedding Ceremony Policies*
2. IDENTIFY someone to serve as your official on-site coordinator for the day of your service. (Note: It is preferable that this person not be involved in the service itself in order to ensure his or her availability to coordinate with the Rothko Chapel staff as needed).
3. SUBMIT the completed Wedding Ceremony Application and Service Details page via email, fax, or mail to:
Rothko Chapel
Attention: Visitor Services Coordinator
1409 Sul Ross Street, Houston, TX 77006
requests@rothkochapel.org
Fax 713.524.7461
4. MEET in person with Rothko Chapel staff to:
 - a. Review the Wedding Ceremony Policies.
 - b. Conduct an on-site walk-through of the Chapel.
 - c. Confirm seating arrangement, set-up requests, and fees.
 - d. Sign the agreement and pay the non-refundable deposit of \$500.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to formally reserve the Chapel for your preferred date, you and your on-site coordinator must meet in person with the Visitor Services Coordinator and pay the non-refundable deposit. Upon receipt of your Wedding Ceremony Application, Rothko Chapel staff will contact you to schedule the in-person meeting.

5. PAY in full the remaining balance one week prior to the service.

We look forward to working with you to create a meaningful and memorable ceremony.

Wedding Ceremony Policies

The Rothko Chapel has developed a set of policies to ensure that all services run smoothly and professionally. A dedicated Chapel representative will work with you to prepare for the service. He or she will be on-site during the service itself to assist as needed and to enforce the policies below. In addition, Chapel Hosts will be present inside the Chapel at all times to monitor the paintings and ensure that guests respect the Chapel guidelines. Because the Rothko Chapel is a sacred art space, home to Mark Rothko's murals, primary consideration will always be given to preserving the artwork.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully review the policies below.

Fees

- The base fee for wedding ceremonies is \$1,500.
 - Ceremonies scheduled Monday-Thursday have a base fee of \$1,200.
- A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required in order to secure the ceremony date.
- Additional fees include:
 - \$150 for use of the sound system, includes sound technician
 - \$150 for security, the need for which is determined based on the size and time of the ceremony
 - \$100 if either or both apply:
 - Services scheduled after 6pm
 - Services with 100 or more guests
 - \$100/hour for use of office annex by the wedding party prior to the ceremony

Scheduling

- Services may last no more than 60 minutes.
 - Should the ceremony last more than 60 minutes, a penalty fee will apply.
- Services must take place between the hours of 11am and 7pm.
- Services may not be scheduled more than 6 months in advance.
- Services may not be scheduled during the following holidays: MLK Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve - New Year's Day.
- Ceremonies and receptions are not permitted on the Plaza or grounds.
- An in-person meeting is required to secure a reservation.
- Wedding rehearsals are encouraged and can be held the day before the ceremony from 6-7pm.

Guests and Seating

- A maximum of 150 people are allowed to attend wedding ceremonies.
- All guests, aside from the service participants, must be seated during the service.
- Additional guests will not be allowed to stand inside but will be directed to overflow seating or to the Plaza.
- The Chapel will close to the public 30 minutes

before the beginning of the ceremony to allow for guest arrival and seating.

- All guests will receive a card welcoming them to the Rothko Chapel and informing them of the Chapel's guidelines.
 - Guest guidelines: no food or liquids inside, no photography or video, no talking on cell phones, no touching the artwork.

Sound and Music

- Live music is welcome. Musicians may arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before the ceremony.
- A sound technician can be hired to run the Rothko Chapel's sound system to play recorded music and/or use microphones for an additional fee.
- External sound equipment or sound systems may not be used.

Photography/Videography/Electronic Devices

- Photography and videotaping are not permitted inside the Chapel building but are permitted on the Chapel Plaza and grounds.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices should be silenced.

Flowers and Decoration

- Decorations including candles, large flower arrangements, photographs, artwork, or slides are not permitted inside the Chapel or on the Plaza. Flowers and/or rice may not be thrown in the Chapel or on the Plaza.
- One framed photograph (no larger than 11" W x 14" H) and/or one small flower arrangement (no larger than 15" W x 20" H) may be placed on the desk in the Chapel vestibule 30 minutes prior to the service.
 - Flower arrangement may be delivered no more than 1-hour prior to the service.
- Service programs and/or a guestbook may be placed on the vestibule desk 30 minutes prior to the service.
- Brides may carry a small bouquet and grooms may wear a boutonniere.

Wedding Ceremony Application

Ceremony Date _____ Time _____

Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____

◆ Wedding Participants

◆ Participant 1

First & Last Name _____

Current Address _____

Future Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

◆ Participant 2

First & Last Name _____

Current Address _____

Future Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

◆ Will either participant be changing their name? _____

◆ Name of the Officiant _____

Religious or spiritual affiliation / name of institution _____

Phone _____ Email _____

◆ Name of Service Coordinator _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Ceremony Details and Chapel Setup

- ◆ Number of Guests at Ceremony _____
- ◆ Bench Arrangement (see next page for example seating diagrams)
 - Theatre Style (two rows with large aisle down the middle)
 - Semi-Circle (three rows with two aisles)
 - Other _____

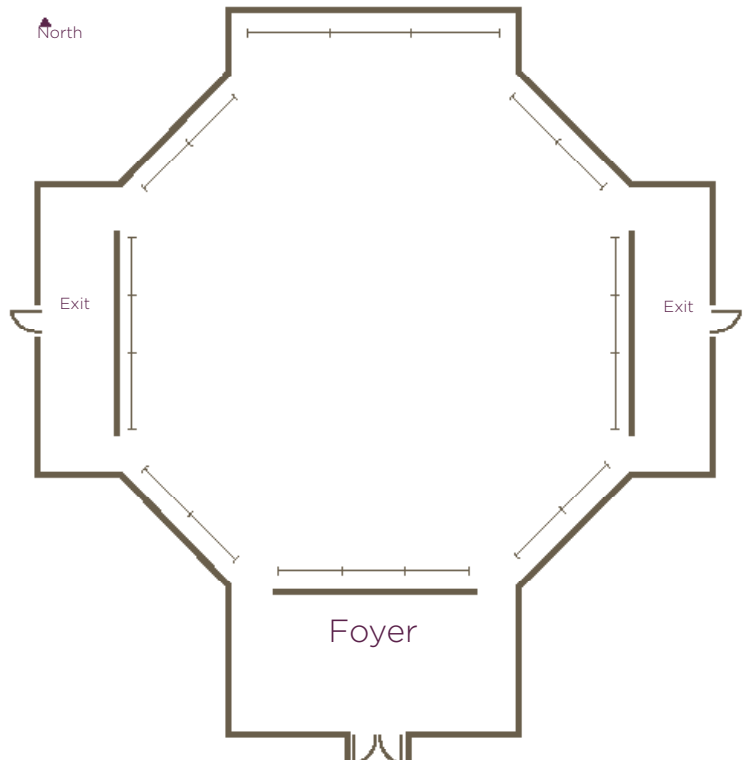
If you are requesting a specific setup, illustrate in the Rothko Chapel Floorplan below.
- ◆ Number of Chairs Requested (up to 20 for musicians and guests with limited mobility) _____
- ◆ Reserved Seating _____

- ◆ Number of Guests at Rehearsal _____
- ◆ Service Participants (if applicable, specify the number)
 - Officiant
 - _____ Bridesmaids
 - _____ Groomsmen
 - _____ Flowergirl(s)
 - _____ Guest Speaker(s)
 - _____ Singer(s)
 - _____ Musician(s),
Instruments _____
- ◆ Would you like the use of sound system / sound technician?
 - Yes No

If so, check the items that you are requesting

 - Recorded Music (CD, Phone, MP3)
 - Podium Mic
 - Standing Mic
 - Earpiece Mic
- ◆ Materials for the front desk
 - Flower arrangement
Delivery Date / Time _____
 - Guestbook
 - Programs
 - Framed Photograph
- ◆ Check the following items that apply
 - Office Annex use
Date / Times _____
 - Photography on grounds
Date / Times _____
 - Bridal Bouquet
 - Podium
 - Music Stands
 - Round Table
 - Candelabra (2 available)
- ◆ One week prior to the ceremony, please provide an order of service to the Visitor Services Coordinator.

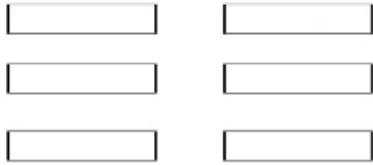
The Rothko Chapel Floorplan



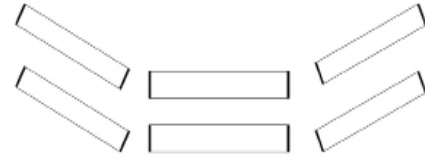
Area - Main Room
 Approx. 50' in all directions
 4' alcove on north side of room
 * Each bench seats 4-5 people comfortably

Seating Arrangement Diagrams

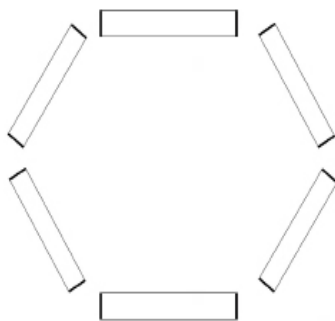
- ◆ Theatre Style
Can seat up to 150



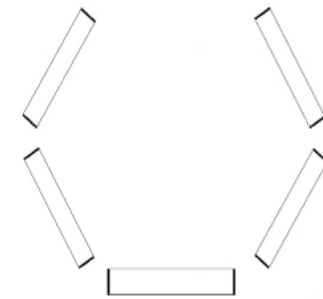
- ◆ Semi-Circle Option 1
Can seat up to 150



- ◆ In the Round
Can seat up to 120

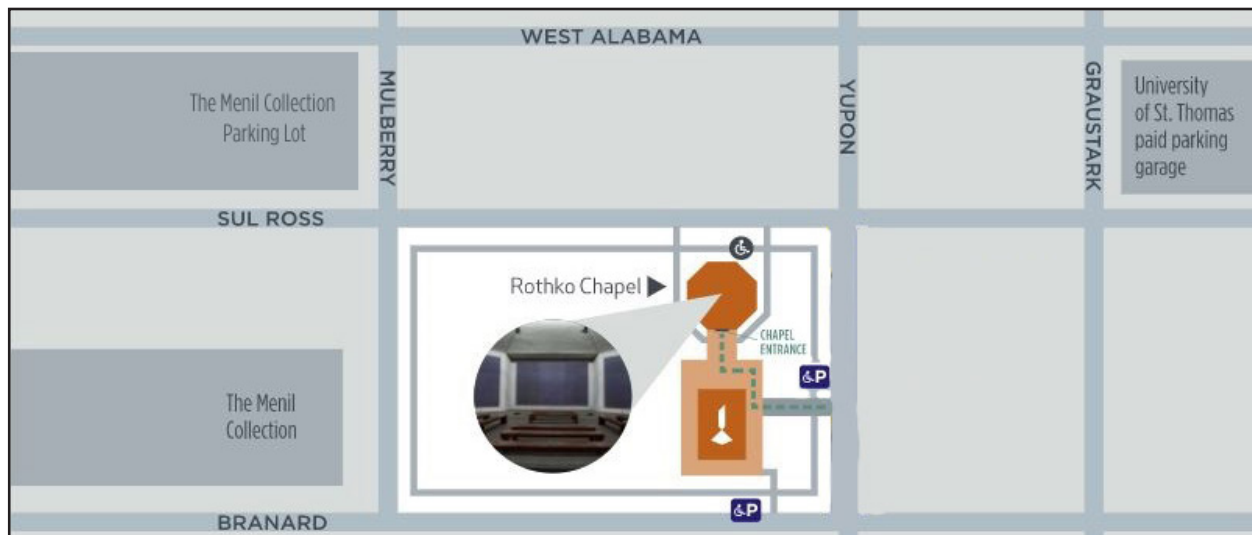


- ◆ Semi-Circle Option 2
Can seat up to 100



Parking Information

Parking is available on Yupon, Branard, and Sul Ross streets around the Chapel. Please pay attention to the parking regulation signs for neighborhood parking regulations. Rothko Chapel guests are also welcome to use the Menil Collection parking lot for free, located at the intersection of West Alabama and Mulberry streets, and the Moran Parking Center at the University of St. Thomas for \$5 per car, located at the intersection of West Alabama and Graustark streets.



The mission of the Rothko Chapel is to inspire people to action through art and contemplation, to nurture reverence for the highest aspirations of humanity, and to provide a forum for global concerns.

The Rothko Chapel is fully accessible and open to the public free of charge every day of the year from 10am to 6pm.

The Rothko Chapel is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is solely responsible for its own funding.

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