Rentals @ Riverside

2027 Tiered Rental Rates

Riverside Arts Center | Ypsilanti, MI

About This Rate Structure

Riverside Arts Center is committed to keeping our spaces accessible to individual artists and organizations with limited budgets. Our five-tier rental system ensures that individuals and small nonprofits continue to pay low, below-market rates, while mid-size and large organizations contribute at a level that reflects their financial capacity and helps sustain RAC's mission and community programming.

All renters receive the same quality of service, amenities, and support regardless of tier. Tier placement is self-reported based on the annual operating budget of the renting organization. RAC reserves the right to request documentation to verify eligibility.

Tier Definitions

	Annual Budget	Rate vs. Base
Tier 1	Under $10,000 **or** Individual Artist/ Community Group with no formal budget	Standard (base rate)
Tier 2	$10,000 - $24,999/year	5% above base
Tier 3	$25,000-$99,999/year	25% above base
Tier 4	$100,000 – $1,000,000/year	37% above base
Tier 5	Over $1,000,000/year	50% above base

Questions about your tier? Contact our Communications Manager, Grey, at grey@riversidearts.org.

Dance Studio

Light-filled, multi-purpose space used for dance classes, yoga, Zumba, stage combat, rehearsals, and intimate performances. Features wood floors, ballet barres, built-in sound system, and theatrical lighting. Dimensions: 39' x 33'. Capacity: 49 people.

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Dance Studio	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$25/hr	$26.25/hr	$31.25/hr	$34.25/hr	$37.5/hr
Dance Studio	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$30/hr	$31.50/hr	$37.50/hr	$41.10/hr	$45/hr

North Gallery

RAC's largest non-theatrical space – 3,000 sq ft (~2,600 sq ft usable) – ideal for speaking events, galas, fundraisers, theater receptions, performances, lectures, and community events. Features track lighting, built-in audio with Bluetooth, 2 wireless mics, and a prep kitchen. Capacity: **150 persons**. Note: Unavailable during Summer Camps (June–August).

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
North Gallery	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$50/hr	$52.5/hr	$62.50/hr	$68.50/hr	$75/hr
North Gallery	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$60/hr	$63/hr	$75/hr	$80.20/hr	$90/hr

Off Center (Ground Level)

Street-level flex space with large windows and natural light. Ideal for workshops, classes, rehearsals, meetings, exhibitions, and small performances. Includes a prep kitchen and art sink. Dimensions: 39' x 36'. Capacity: 49 persons. Note: Limited availability during summer camp season.

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Off Center	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$40/hr	$42/hr	$50	$14.80/hr	$60/hr
Off Center	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$50/hr	$52.5/hr	$62.50/hr	$68.50/hr	$75/hr

Studio One

Versatile rehearsal room and makerspace with two walls of windows, a 16–17 ft mirror wall, upright piano, projector screen, and art sink. Great for theater, dance, music, visual arts, classes, and small meetings. Dimensions: 42' x 19'. Capacity: 20 persons.

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Studio One	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$25/hr	$26.25/hr	$31.25/hr	$34.25/hr	$37.5/hr
Studio One	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$30/hr	$31.50/hr	$37.50/hr	$41.10/hr	$45/hr

Top Floor Main Room (TF-M)

Flexible, light-filled top-floor space for meetings, retreats, rehearsals, workshops, and small performances. Features built-in audio with Bluetooth, wireless mics, projector, and a kitchenette. Dimensions: 22' x 51'. Capacity: 50 persons. Note: Semi-shared with occupants of TF-A and TF-B.

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
TF-M	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$50/hr	$52.5/hr	$62.50/hr	$68.50/hr	$75/hr
TF-M	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$60/hr	$63/hr	$75/hr	$80.20/hr	$90/hr

Top Floor Room A (TF-A)

A small music rehearsal studio, perfect for practicing and conducting music lessons! Includes upright piano. Shared access to top floor bathroom and kitchenette via TF-M. Occupancy: 6 persons.

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
TF-A	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$15/hr	$15.75/hr	$18.75/hr	$20.55/hr	$22.5/hr
TF-A	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$20/hr	$21/hr	$25/hr	$27.4/hr	$30/hr

Top Floor Room B (TF-B)

Medium-sized flexible room used as a rehearsal studio, classroom, meeting space, or supplemental space for TF-M events. Capacity: 25 persons. Shared access to top floor bathroom and kitchenette via TF-M.

Hourly Rental Rates by Tier

Space	Day / Time	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
TF-B	Weekday (Mon–Thu, until 3pm)	$25/hr	$26.25/hr	$31.25/hr	$34.25/hr	$37.5/hr
TF-B	Evening (after 3pm) & Weekend	$30/hr	$31.50/hr	$37.50/hr	$41.10/hr	$45/hr

Artist Studios (Monthly Rental – All Tiers)

Five private studios (120–150 sq ft each) with white wood and brick walls, concrete floors, shared overhead lighting, heat and air conditioning, locking doors, safety paint cabinet, and work sink. Artists' studios are not subject to the tiered system. These spaces are reserved for working artists at accessible rates.

Studio Size	Monthly Rate (All Tiers)
120–150 sq ft (varies by studio)	**$180 – $190/month**

To join the Artist Studios waitlist, email Communications Manager, Grey, at grey@riversidearts.org.

Additional Fees & Services

The following fees apply equally to all tiers.

Fee / Service	Rate (All Tiers)
Security/Damage Deposit – Theater & North Gallery	$150 (refundable)
Security/Damage Deposit – All Other Spaces	$100 (refundable)
Security/Damage Deposit – Multi-Space Event	$200 (refundable)
Short Notice Fee (booking within 3 business days)	$5/hour added
Trash Removal Fee (RAC removes excess waste)	$50
Event Staffing (A/V, coordination – by availability)	$30/hour

Equipment Rentals (All Tiers)

Equipment	Rate (All Tiers)
6-foot or 8-foot table (up to 5 business days)	$8.50/ea
High top or low top cocktail table (up to 5 business days)	$8.50/ea
Black linen – 6-ft, 8-ft, high-top, round (up to 5 business days)	$8.50/ea
Burgundy linen – high-top or low-top (up to 5 business days)	$8.50/ea
Portable projector and screen (up to 5 business days)	$40
Compact portable audio system, 1–2 mics (up to 5 business days)	$40

Contact & Booking

To rent, complete the Rental Inquiry Form at: riversidearts.org/rent-space

Role	Contact
Communications Manager – Grey Grant	grey@riversidearts.org
Rentals Administrator – Meg Nicholson	meg@riversidearts.org
General Inquiries	info@riversidearts.org

Rental and Cancellation Policies:
https://www.riversidearts.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2026-Rental-and-Cancellation-Policy.pdf

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