PRIVATE EVENTS
AT PLANET WORD
Host an event at Planet Word!

I do. Meeting adjourned. L’Chaim!
What’s on the agenda? ¡Feliz
Cumpleaños! Congratulations!
And many more...

Whatever words you need to say,
Planet Word has just the right space
for you. What memories will you
create here?

Email us at: programs@planetwordmuseum.org

All rental rates include five hours, load in
and load out time, and an event captain.

Entire museum buyouts are available.

ABOUT US

THE FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Planet Word occupies the
historic Franklin School, a
50,000-square-foot, five-story
building located on Franklin
Square at 13th and K streets in
northwest Washington, D.C.

Designed by renowned architect
Adolf Cluss and opened in 1869,
the Franklin School was the
flagship of the first public schools
in Washington, D.C. The school
offered free universal education
to boys and girls, serving as a
model for the modern public
school system.

The Franklin School was
designated a National
Historic Landmark in 1996.

PLANET WORD

Graced with grand windows,
intricate ironwork, and lofty
ceilings, the landmark Franklin
School, home of Planet Word, is
a uniquely stunning venue for
your most important personal
and corporate events. From
the moment your guests enter
the letter-paved lobby, they’ll
know they’re in a one-of-a-kind
place, surrounded by words and
language in the city founded on
the written word.

Planet Word is committed to
making our meeting and event
space accessible to groups that
share our mission to renew
and inspire a love of words and
language. Please inquire about
our non-profit rental rates.
COMING SOON!
Lexicon Lane: Our unique puzzle experience will be available for parties.
Beautiful exposed beams, wood floors, and frescoed walls make this an unforgettable venue for meetings and celebrations of all sorts. Under a soaring mansard roof at the top of the Franklin School, this space can be configured for elegant dinners, performances, meetings, or receptions. The Mansard Room can be combined with the Rooftop Terrace for a larger event.
Mansard Room

CONFIGURATIONS

SEATED DINNER
18 circular tables
8 guests per table
144 total guests

VIDEO SCREENING SEATING
9 rows
up to 26 guests per row
216 total guests

Bathrooms
Stairs
Elevator
Kitchen
Rooftop Terrace

With views north and west across verdant Franklin Square and the rooftops of the K Street Corridor, the Rooftop Terrace is a gorgeous outdoor venue for pre-dinner cocktails, post-dinner dessert, or a sunset reception. The Rooftop Terrace can be combined with the Mansard Room for a larger event.

**DIMENSIONS**
832 ft², 23’×36’

**CAPACITY**
STANDING RECEPTION: 50

**AV CAPABILITIES**
Built-in, discrete speakers; power; wifi
Bloomberg Philanthropies Great Hall

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Great Hall is the architectural centerpiece of the Franklin School and Planet Word’s showcase venue both day and night. The 5,000-LED globe that anchors the Spoken World exhibit becomes a stunning chandelier as it rises at the touch of a button up to the towering 22-foot-high ceiling. With fourteen-foot windows overlooking Franklin Square, trompe l’oeil frescoes, and a historic proscenium, the elegant, versatile Bloomberg Philanthropies Great Hall is unlike any other event space in Washington.
**CONCLUSIONS**

**SEATED DINNER**
- 19 circular tables
- 8 guests per table
- 152 total guests

**LECTURE SEATING**
- 10 rows
- Up to 26 guests per row
- 240 total guests

**Third Floor**
- Bathrooms
- Stairs
- Elevator
- Kitchen
Classroom A

2 SECOND FLOOR

The smaller of our two classrooms, this space has a craft sink, and an easily configured layout.
Classroom B

A versatile room with beautiful natural light, a craft sink, and the historic feel of a nineteenth century schoolroom.
Anchored by Speaking Willow, an interactive sculpture from renowned artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, the AT&T Plaza is a ground level courtyard oasis just off K Street. The space includes a raised platform at the South end suitable for speakers or a small band. The AT&T Plaza can be combined with the Friedman Family Auditorium for a pre-performance or post-performance reception.
Friedman Family Auditorium

DIMENSIONS
1802 ft², 31' x 58'

CAPACITY
AUDITORIUM SEATING: 150

AV CAPABILITIES
HD projector, large projection screen, architectural and theatrical lighting, PTZ cameras, built-in audio system with wireless and lavalier microphones, wifi

OTHER FEATURES
Green room, tech booth, outside entrance

ACCESSIBILITY
Assisted listening

This 150-seat, beautifully appointed auditorium has its own entrance right off the AT&T Plaza. The space includes a dedicated AV booth and a green room.
Welcome Lobby

Our delightful Welcome Lobby makes a flexible gathering place: its welcome desk can double as a bar and the glass-enclosed entry vestibule can serve as a check-in area. The space features graceful details like the iconic arches that define the Franklin School, and terrazzo floors embedded with a swirling design of written symbols from the past to the present. The Welcome Lobby can be combined with the AT&T Plaza or the Friedman Family Auditorium for larger events, or can serve as a pre-dinner cocktail space when combined with the Bloomberg Philanthropies Great Hall.
WHAT MEMORIES WILL YOU CREATE HERE?

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