

HOST YOUR WEDDING IN A HISTORIC STONE SCHOOL HOUSE



INTIMATE. UNIQUE. MEMORABLE.

Host your one-of-a-kind wedding at The Elora Centre for the Arts in beautiful historic Elora, Ontario. Steps from the Grand River, this 2-acre picturesque park-like location is a versatile and affordable canvas to create the wedding masterpiece that fits your dreams, and budget.

Let this unique and charming heritage stone building be the setting for your exceptional and distinctive day. Our indoor venue includes two adjoining rooms, totaling over 2,000 square feet. Soaring 12-foot ceilings, vintage school light fixtures and gorgeous windows in this restored former schoolhouse creates an authentically vintage "old school" charm.

INDOOR SPACE

The main gallery room often features original artist works on its walls and is ideal for an intimate sit-down reception, while the connecting space is ideal for cocktails and live music. The space can be configured in a variety of ways depending on your vision and the number of guests. The indoor venue can host up to 90 guests seated at tables in the Minarovich gallery and up to 60 seated in the Harris gallery. The combined space capacity is 250 for a standing-only cocktail style reception.



Main Gallery Room: The Minarovich Gallery: 33' x 36' (1180 square feet)



Second Gallery Space: The Harris Gallery 34' x 26.5' (900 square feet)



Photo: Davide Robert Photography



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CONFIGURING THE SPACE

There are many ways to imagine the two galleries, depending on your guest list and style of wedding reception you wish to have. To give you some ideas of options and possibilities, this is what has worked well in the past:

1. Cocktail reception style: The Harris gallery becomes the area for the bar, lounge and food tables for cocktail style passed hors d'oeuvres. The Minarovich become the area for speeches (stage), bar height tables, DJ and dancing.
2. Seated reception style for smaller weddings: The Harris gallery is the standing reception area with bar and DJ. The Minarovich is set up with tables and chairs for dining and speeches.
3. Seated reception for larger weddings: Both galleries become dining areas with tables and chairs set up.

OUTDOOR SPACE

Our outdoor green space and surrounding 2 acre property hold endless possibilities for your wedding ceremony, photographs, cocktail reception or large tented sit-down reception. Outdoor tented receptions can host up to 250 guests seated at tables.



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HISTORIC. ARTISTIC. AFFORDABLE

When you book your wedding at The Elora Centre for the Arts, we work with you to create the package that is right for you and your overall budget.

We offer:

- Space rental, approximately 2,000 square feet combined indoors and 2 acre property
- Rectangular tables and chairs
- Parking on site
- Servery-style kitchen with exterior door access for catering trucks / BBQs
- 2 sets of washrooms
- Stage (if required)



Clients are responsible for organizing/booking:

- Catering
- Linen and tableware rentals
- Outdoor tent(s)
- Additional (or different) tables and chairs
- Liquor license arrangements, bartenders and appropriate fencing for outdoor venue space
- Sound system, DJ / band, slide show projector
- Decorations and décor set up
- Flowers and vases

It would be our pleasure to recommend local vendors for the above items, and offer unique ideas and suggestions to ensure your day is a truly memorable work of art.

PRICING & CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact us today for venue availability and more information. We look forward to being a part of your wedding memories! Call us today to book a tour 519-846-9698 or email director@ecfta.ca



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A WEDDING IN THE TOWN VOTED “ONTARIO’S MOST BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE” - THE STAR

Stroll the streets of Elora’s downtown, and you’ll fall in love with it’s charm and character. Nestled perfectly on the top of the Elora Gorge, where the Grand River meets the Irvine River you will discover the magical village that *Cottage Life* highlighted in their “10 quaintest towns in Ontario” and *The Toronto Star* dubbed “Ontario’s most beautiful village”.

ELORA’S ICING ON THE CAKE

Beyond hosting your wedding at The Elora Centre for the Arts, there are some features of the town that may enhance the experience for you and your wedding guests:

1. Additional photography locations throughout our quaint village offer stunning photographic backdrops:
 - Bissell Park is directly across the road from The Elora Centre for the Arts. The rushing waters of The Grand River, its waterfall and pedestrian walking bridge are picturesque and peaceful
 - Victoria Park, within walking distance in downtown Elora, is perched on the edge of the famous Elora Gorge with its 80-foot limestone cliffs overlooking The Grand and Irvine Rivers, the vistas are truly stunning
 - The village of Elora boasts wonderful historic architecture and charming shops and cafes that are alive with colour and bloom, providing an unparalleled photographic setting
2. Several accommodation options for your guests including local Bed & Breakfasts, AirBnB suites, the new Elora Mill, and more
3. There are several venue options for rehearsal dinners or for your guests to eat while staying the weekend
4. Our community has outstanding local caterers and talented photographers and we are home to many talented musicians and artists. We are happy to provide a list of contacts

“ELORA’S STUNNING NATURAL BEAUTY, ADORABLE BOUTIQUES, WORLD-RENOWNED EATERIES, 19TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE, AND RICH CULTURE ATTRACT VISITORS TO ELORA TIME AND TIME AGAIN.”

- *Ontario’s Best Small Towns to Visit this Fall, HuffPost*