YERBA BUENA GARDENS

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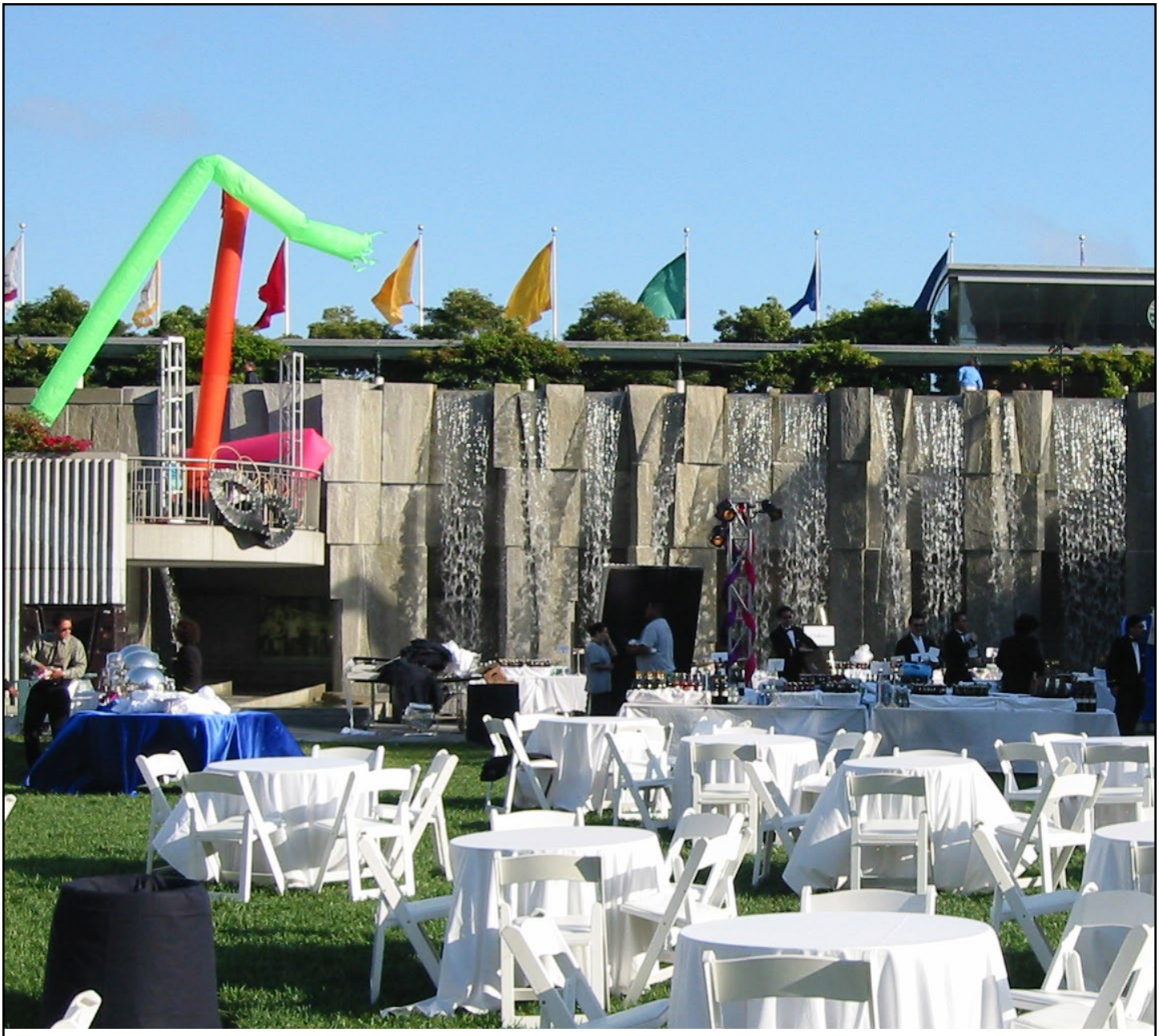
LOCATION

Located directly above the Moscone Center, YBG is an urban oasis in the heart of San Francisco. Beautifully designed and maintained, YBG features an eclectic array of distinctive architecture and public art, fountains, a waterfall, restaurants, entertainment and a variety of galleries and museums. Its open spaces are inviting, yet protected from the bustle of city streets. It is also within a short walk of both Union Square shopping and the financial district.

YERBA BUENA ARTS & EVENTS

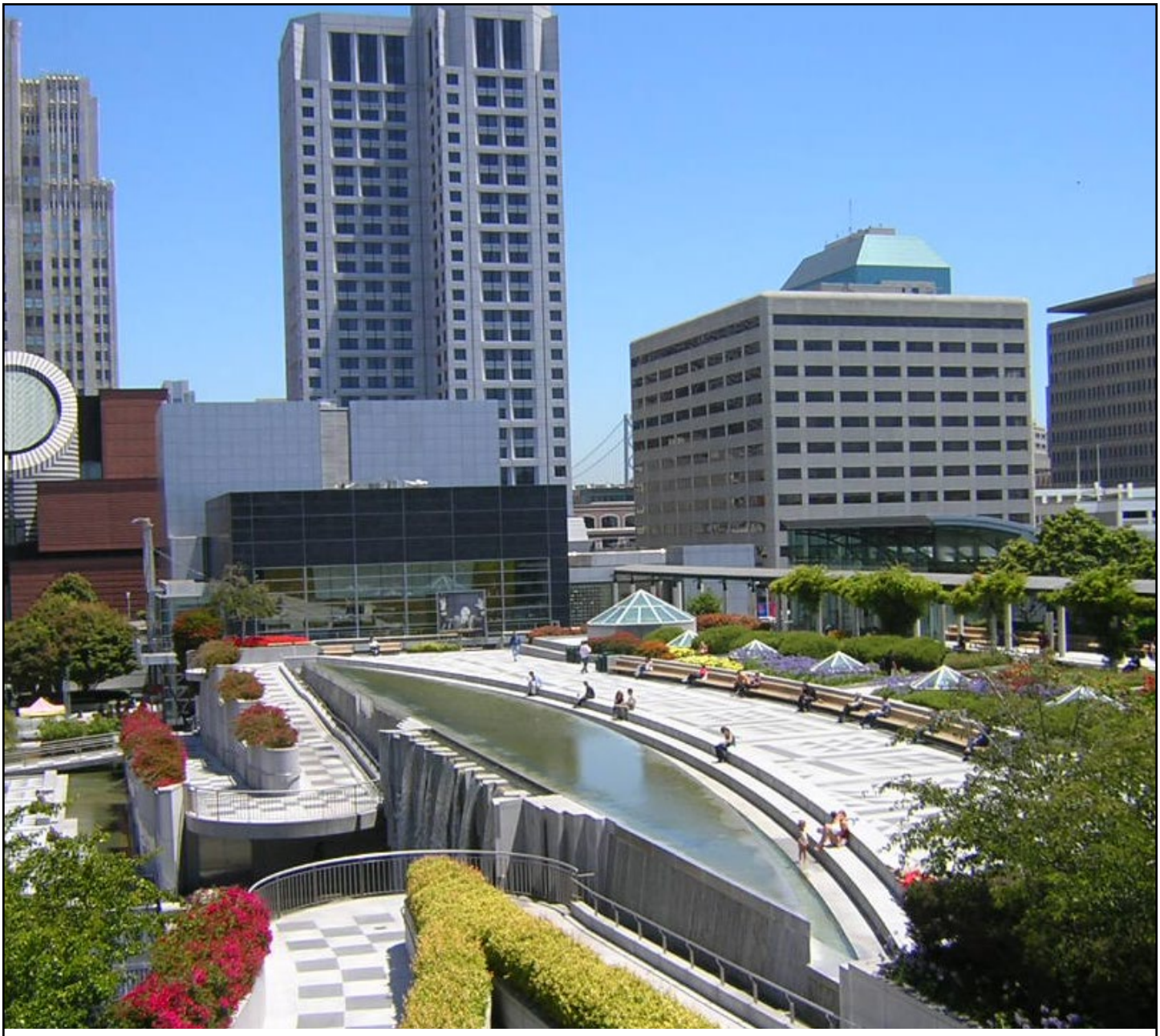
YBA&E is a nonprofit organization that presents the annual Yerba Buena Gardens Festival of nearly 100 cultural programs–all free to the public. YBA&E also manages the rental of outdoor Gardens venues for private receptions, parties and special events, as well as commercial video and photo shoots. Proceeds from rentals benefit free arts programming in the Gardens. The experienced staff can assist in recommending caterers, tenting companies, and performers, to ensure a successful event. Please call for competitive pricing.



VENUE ESPLANADE

This lush and grassy 5-1/2 acre expanse provides a tranquil and idyllic setting for receptions, parties, and special events for up to 5,000 attendees. The Esplanade's natural beauty – complete with evergreen and deciduous trees, seasonal flora and cascading waterfalls – is complemented by the marvelous view of downtown. The Esplanade can also be used for breakfasts, large scale catering and food service.

Dimensions	583' x 583'
Square Feet	340,000
Reception Capacity	5,000
Banquet Capacity	1,000



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TERRACE

This area, located above the Martin Luther King, Jr. Waterfall, offers a crescent-shaped space adjacent to the lovely Sister Cities Garden and the calming Reflecting Pool. The stone-surfaced Terrace is an excellent location for breakfasts, receptions, parties, weddings and gatherings of up to 500, or for buffet style food service for up to 2,000.

Dimensions	20’ x 240’
Square Feet	5,880
Standing Capacity	500
Seated Capacity	200

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EAST GARDEN

This pleasant garden, nestled in a grove of sycamore trees, sits opposite the breathtaking San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. The intimate bi-level space features a combination of both grass and stone paving – ideal for gatherings of up to 500 for breakfasts, receptions, weddings and parties.

Dimensions	90’ x 90’
Square Feet	8,100
Standing Capacity	500
Seated Capacity	200

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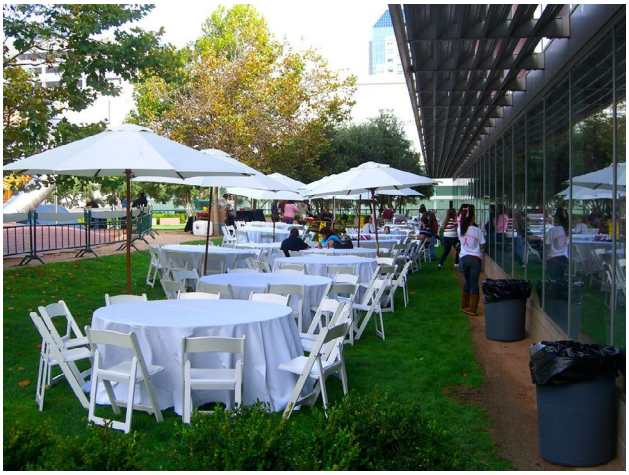
EAST PLAZA

Located between the YBCA Theater and the YBCA Forum, the East Plaza is a flat, open-air, stone-paved space. Across Third Street, the iconic San Francisco Museum of Modern Art serves as a backdrop to the East Plaza.

Dimensions	~60’ x 60’
Square Feet	3,600
Standing Capacity	200
Seated Capacity	–



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CHILDREN'S GARDEN

This multi-tier area combines grass and stone surface into a space appropriate for parties, special events, and food services for up to 2000. The distinctively ambient nighttime lighting and the spectacular view of downtown after sunset make the Amphitheater an excellent choice for an evening event.

Dimensions	85' x 100'
Square Feet	85,000
Standing Capacity	2,000
Seated Capacity	500

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JESSIE SQUARE

Nestled between the historic St. Patrick's Church and the Contemporary Jewish Museum, Jessie Square is the newest event space in the Yerba Buena Gardens area. The beautiful architectural backdrop along with the Square's tranquil pool and tiered terrace makes the lawn area a particularly delightful spot for wedding ceremonies. Jessie Square is also a wonderful option for receptions or events–it plays host to YBGF's popular Let's Go Salsa@Jessie series each year.

Dimensions	187' x 158'
Square Feet	29,540
Standing Capacity	500
Seated Capacity	300

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CAROUSEL PLAZA

This plaza surrounding the historic 1906 Charles Looff Carousel can accommodate parties, special events and receptions. Carousel use can be arranged with this package.

Dimensions	60' x 30'
Square Feet	1,800
Standing Capacity	200
Seated Capacity	100

GENERAL VENUE INFORMATION

PLANNING NOTES

- YBAE arranges **only outdoor spaces** and does not handle indoor spaces (i.e. meeting/conference space)
- Amplified sound level is restricted
- Grounds walk-through with YBAE staff is required prior to contract and at event close
- YBAE does not provide tenting, catering, or furnishings
- Whisper generator are allowed on a case by case basis

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Tent stakes (sandbags or concrete ballasts preferred)
- Wheeled conveyances such as cars, pallet jacks, electric car, bicycles are prohibited (use of hand carts preferred)
- Portable toilets

1 Esplanade
Dimensions: 583' x 583'
Square Feet: 340,000
Standing Capacity: 4,000
Seated Capacity: 1,000

2 Terrace
Dimensions: 20' x 240'
Square Feet: 5,880
Standing Capacity: 500
Seated Capacity: 200

3 East Garden
Dimensions: 90' x 90'
Square Feet: 8,100
Standing Capacity: 500
Seated Capacity: 200

4 Children's Garden
Dimensions: 85' x 100'
Square Feet: 85,000
Standing Capacity: 2,000
Seated Capacity: 500

5 Carousel Plaza
Dimensions: 60' x 30'
Square Feet: 1,800
Standing Capacity: 200
Seated Capacity: 100

6 Jessie Square
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N Mission St Cutout
Dimensions: 9' x 78'

S Mission St Cutout
Dimensions: 8' x 80'

Howard Sidewalk (2 Spaces)
Dimensions: 14' x 28'
Dimensions: 7' x 22'