Campus Room Exploration for Wanton Mechanics

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This document contains details on information gathered about locations to host Wanton Mechanics.

1 On Campus

Here are details about rooms on campus that could host Wanton Mechanics.

1.1 Rooms in the EMU

EMU Ballroom (information gathered 10/31/2013 and updated 1/3/2014)

The EMU ballroom is located on the top floor of the EMU. For department hosted events, there is no fee for the room. The ballroom does, however, have fees for any equipment that is needed (we'd just need tables/chairs as we can provide our own AV equipment) and a \$15/hour fee for an event monitor. The number of event monitors necessary would scale with the size of the event. I didn't get a estimate of how that number scales, but if memory serves me correctly, for around 100 people we needed 2 alcohol monitors, so we'd probably need a similar number for just event monitors. So, if we have a 3 hour event, 2 monitors and around \$100 for tables/chair setup, this might cost us around \$170.

The ballroom is really nice. It's big and has an awesome stage that we could really take advantage of. Next to the ticket office in the EMU is the event scheduling office, which holds people who know things about scheduling the ballroom.

The ballroom is very popular and must be booked VERY early. I tried to book it in January for the Spring term and it had already been booked for almost every Friday in the spring term. I was told these bookings were done in October. There was one Friday night open (the last Friday of the term, the one before finals week), but there was an event the next Saturday morning that required extensive setup, so they couldn't fit us in Friday night.

Fir Room

We've used this room in both 2012 and 2013. It's located right inside of the EMU doors closest to Willamette. In 2013, there was no fee for using the room

The Fir Room will be closed for the Spring 2014 term (and all of AY 2014-2015, I think) for the EMU renovations. I don't know that the room will even still exist after the renovations.

1.2 Many Nations Longhouse

(Visited 11-1-2013)

This building is located next to the natural history museum and behind the Law building on campus. It is awesome. It's maybe a little small, but it has really cool architecture and would really surprise people to have Wanton there. It has a couple of gender-neutral restrooms (for bangin') and a nice kitchen area that could be used for something interesting. It can seat around 100, which is about what we need. Unfortunately, it does not allow alcohol to be served there, so this isn't really an option for us.

1.3 Rooms in Gerlinger Hall

Sun Porch

The Sun Porch is the long hallway that runs along the Woodruff Gym. We can't do Wanton in a hallway.

Woodruff Gym (Information gained 11/1/2013)

This is definitely a gym. It's got a nice wood floor, a small stage, lots of room, a balcony. Holding wanton mechanics here would be really neat, I think. The room is controlled by Glenn Cashel at the Rec center, as it is technically a gym, I guess. When talking to Glenn, we were told that the room can be used to serve alcohol. However, the room as a permanent Friday night ballroom dancing thing going on, so unless we want to move Wanton from Friday night (I'd think this is a bad idea), we probably can't use this room.

Gerlinger Lounge (Information gained 1/13/2014)

The lounge is the room on the 2nd floor when you enter the entrance along University. It's really nice. It can be setup for banquet seating for 90 (round tables) or about 120 (square tables). The Lounge doesn't appear on the university's list of alternate facilities (see end of document), so you'll have to ask about it specifically in the Scheduling and Event Services office, probably.

There's a weird quirk for the Lounge. It is an old room that hasn't been updated for modern building code/style. Therefore, the room does not have sub-flooring. Due to this, the room does not allow dancing/running/etc. If too much pressure is applied to the floor in one place, you can break through the boards. This'll limit the allowed acts for Wanton Mechanics.

To rent the room, there is no fee. We will need 4 hours of an event supervisor at \$20.50/hour. There is a one-time fee of \$41 for department coordinators. Tables/chairs would be around \$106.50. This gives us \$229.50 to rent the room. These values are from Karen Schneider in the Scheduling and Events Services office.

1.4 Collier House

(Visited 11-1-2013)

This building is next to the Admissions building on 13th and across University from the EMU. Go inside of it sometime. It is awesome and was built for a former physics professor. Unfortunately, it is definitely not big enough for Wanton. Maybe it could work really well for, like, the holiday party, but it doesn't have the room necessary for Wanton.

1.5 Beall Hall

This is the main music department performance hall and we probably can't have Wanton there (not the right seating, no booze allowed probably, likely can't eat in there). We did not bother going into it.

1.6 Agate Hall

(Information gained (10-31-2013 and 11-1-2013)

I was told by a woman in the linguistics department office to speak to people in the ROTC office. We did this and were told that the auditorium is only available to groups on a pre-approved list by the university. That's pretty much where the conversation ended. We can't use it, I guess. I could try to get on that list. Maybe I'll check on that.

1.7 Casanova Center

This could be really cool, but is unlikely as it is probably expensive. I'll look into it.

1.8 Jorder Schnitzer Museum of Art

(Visited and discussed renting the space with Jamie Leaf on 11-1-2013)

Ok. This would be AWESOME. There are 2 rooms that aren't individually quite big enough for 100 seats at tables and a small stage. Jamie suggested that we could rent both and eat dinner in one room and then move to the other for the acts. That's a cool idea to change up Wanton Mechanics. She also said we could do a smaller cocktail thing and set up bistro tables in just one room. She also said we could request the rest of the museum to be open for us to explore during Wanton Mechanics. All of these things sound awesome, but none of them are really feasible. They'll all cost probably way more money than the \$700-\$800 we have for Wanton. Allowing people to get really drunk and wander through an art museum is probably a bad idea. That's too bad.

1.9 Theatre Department

I would think that the theatre department has a handful of performance spaces. Maybe they rent some of them out sometimes? There's lectures and stuff in there from time-to-time, so they've got to make it available for University events. I can check on this, even if I sound like a crazy person in the long-run.

1.10 Northwest Christian University

(Contacted via email Jan 3, 2014)

NCU has a few rooms that we could rent. I emailed the Executive Administrative Assistant to the President (Carla Aydelott) and asked about having alcohol on their campus. Being a religious university, they might not allow it. She said they do not allow alcohol consumption on campus, so that's out.

1.11 Ford Alumni Center

(Met with Shawn Kahl on Jan 3rd, 2014 to price the room)

I met with Shawn Kahl on Jan 3rd, 2014 and asked about renting the ballroom there. We filled out an estimate for event form and it's a shit ton. For 4 hours (done for setup and 3 for the event), we have \$40/hour to use the building, \$17/hour for a supervisor and \$95 for a banquet table setup for 100 people. That's already more than \$200, not including another \$55 to use their projector screen, \$55 for a stage, \$15 for the sound system and \$ for a microphone (total: \$468). That is a lot. I canceled our reservation on Jan. 15, 2014 because another group wanted to use the room on the day/time we had it reserved (May 23rd).

1.12 PARS Bonus Room

I don't know what this is. PARS is an acronym for the rec-center (Physical And Recreational Services, I think) so I believe this is just a room inside the rec-center. We're not going to do this.

1.13 Jaqua Center

(Contacted Jan. 15, 2014)

I emailed the contact on Jan. 13, 2014 and was told that the auditorium and atrium were each \$50/hour (minimum 2 hours), there is a \$250 setup/cleaning fee for the atrium, food is not allowed in the auditorium, events past 8pm on on Friday or Saturday (the only days for which an event could be held in the evening) would require a supervisor at \$25/hour, the Jaqua center has tables for 90 people. But, alcohol is allowed in the atrium. So that's good. So, at minimum we'd need both the Atrium (food/drinks) and the auditorium (for Wanton) for 3 hours, at least one past 8pm. That's \$250 base fee, plus 6x\$50 for the rooms, plus \$25 for the hour past 8pm, giving us a minimum of \$575, an outrageous price. The Jaqua is out.

2 Off Campus

There's not really a reason why Wanton Mechanics has to be on Campus. Moving off campus to somewhere neat could be neat. Being close to campus or downtown would be nice. Being cheap is really important. There are a bunch of places that the union has had events that could work, technically, but none of them are particularly interesting. It'd probably be too expensive to rent out Cosmic Pizze, which would be the perfect place for Wanton.

3 Pared Down University List

In the next section are copies of a list of rooms available on campus to rent from the Scheduling and Events Services Office. This list contains a lot of rooms that do not meet our needs (too small), so below is a pared down list (to rooms with 100+ capacity or unknown sizes and are likely to host us (e.g. not the library)). Note that this list is old-ish, so the contact information isn't necessarily correct.

Building/Room	Capacity	Contact Info
Agate Hall Auditorium	150-360	Jima Britain 6-3465
		or possibly ROTC office Manager
Beall Hall	537 (rarely available)	Janet Stewart 6-5679
Casanova Center, Pittman Room	300	Tammy Cook 6-5312
Collier House	Various Room Sizes	Janet Stewart 6-5679
EMU Meeting Rooms	Various	EMU Scheduling Office 6-6000
GER Sun Porch	250	Glenn Cashel 6-1180
GER 220, Woodruff Gym	398	Glenn Cashel 6-1180
Jacqua Center, Harrington Room	114 (Theatre Seating)	Shirley Brabham, 6-1144
Jordan Schnitzner Museum (JSMA)	Various Rooms	Jamie Leaf 6-6491
JSMA Reception Hall		
and S Courtyard	Hall: 118, Courtyard 103	Jamie Leaf 6-6491
JSMA Lecture Hall		
and N Courtyard	Hall: 118, Courtyard: 103	Jamie Leaf 6-6491
JSMA Hope Hughes		
Pressman Lobby	120	Jamie Leaf 6-6491
Mac Court (lulz)	9000	Vicki Strand 6-5860
Many Nations Longhouse	120	Gordon Bettles 6-6262 or 6-6263
PARS Bonus Room	262 with tables	Glenn Cashel 6-1180

4 University list of Rentable Rooms