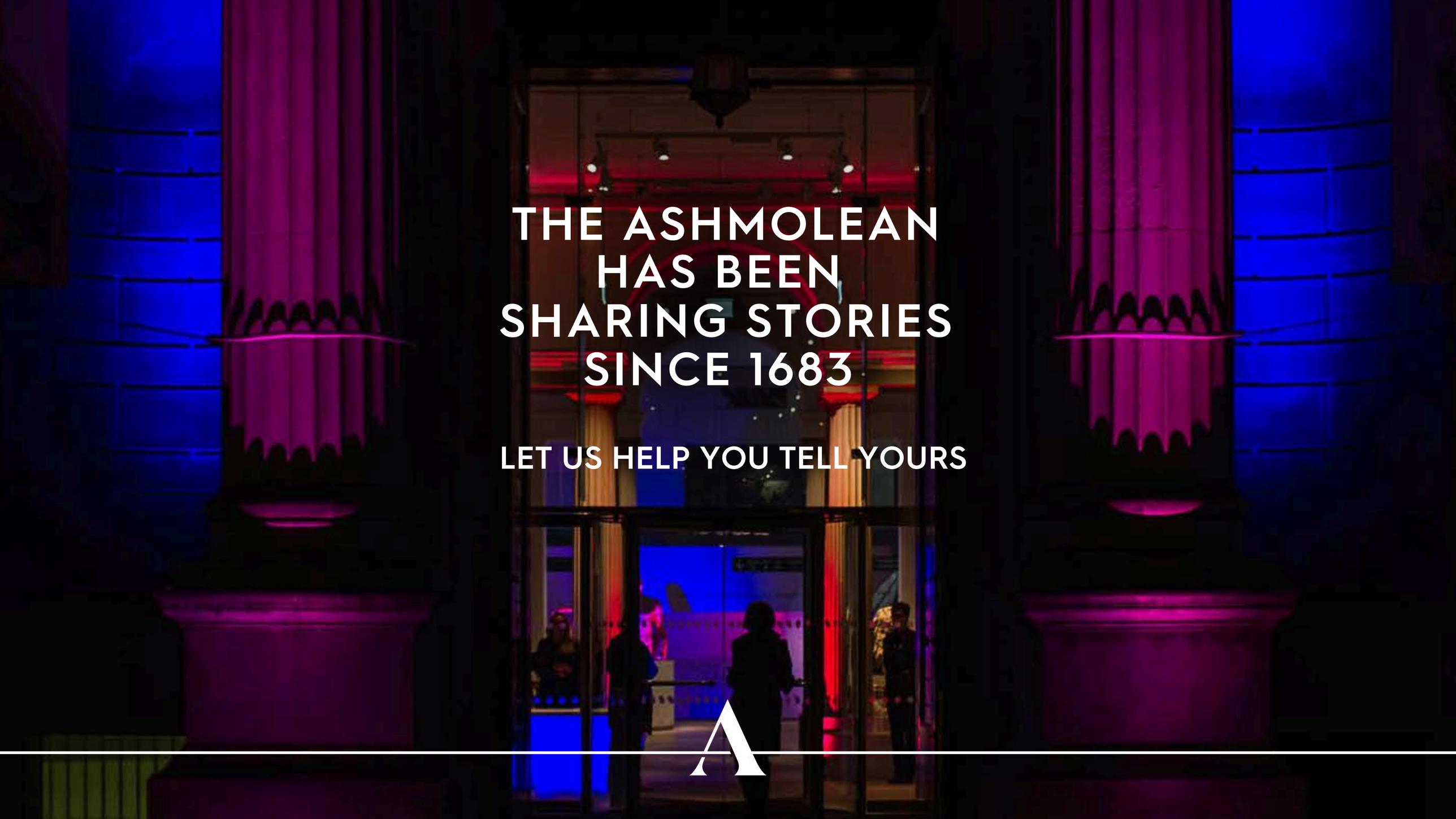
THE ASHMOLEAN
HAS BEEN
SHARING STORIES
SINCE 1683
LET US HELP YOU TELL YOURS

WELCOME

Located in the heart of Oxford, the Ashmolean is Britain's first public museum, and our world-class galleries offer a range of classical and contemporary spaces for hire.

Whether you're designing an event for maximum impact or arranging a more intimate affair, our expert team can work with you to choose the ideal space, and help you weave stories from the collection into your occasion.

By hosting your event at the Ashmolean, you are not only opening the doors for your guests to a world of intriguing stories and unrivalled knowledge, you are also helping to keep the Museum free to the public, and funding our mission to promote research, learning and enjoyment, to enrich lives and expand our understanding of the world and our shared humanity
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We look forward to welcoming you and your guests into the Museum.

The Ashmolean Events Team

◀ **The Neoclassical Forecourt**
Charles Robert Cockerell, built in 1845









Apollo
Cast of Apollo from the Temple ofZeus at Olympia I Central Atrium

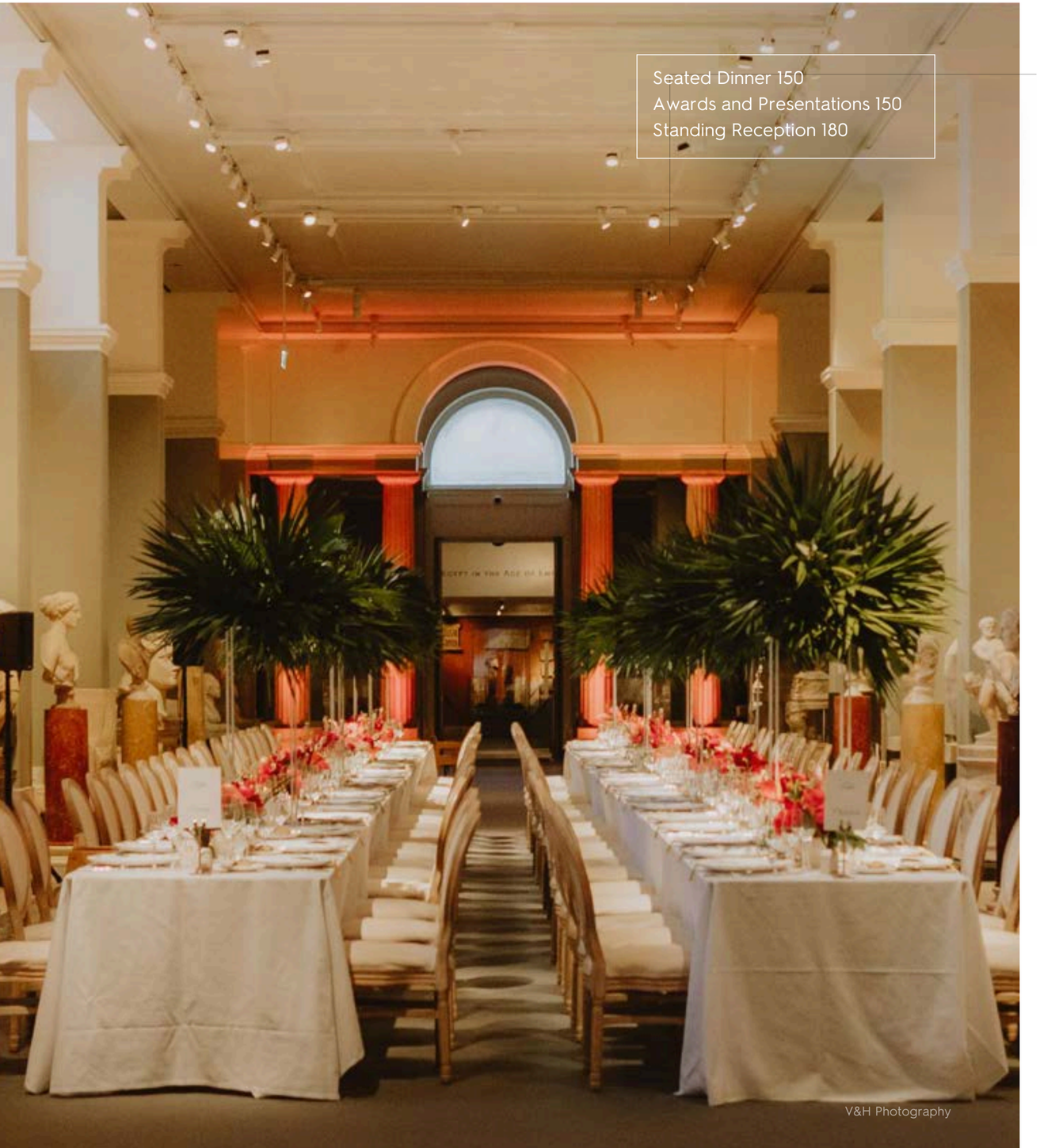
THE ATRIUM

Located in the heart of the museum, our light filled Atrium transforms into an impressive event space, that can be used creatively for drinks receptions, product launches and celebrations with impact.

Guests are greeted by the giant statue of Apollo upon entering and can explore the connecting Ashmolean Story gallery whilst sipping drinks and sampling delicious bites from our catering partners.

The Atrium can be paired with a multitude of additional spaces in the museum; whether you're staying for dinner after drinks, or using the Atrium as the anchor space for receptions over multiple levels.

Drinks 50 - 150
Lower ground floor 300
Multiple floors 800



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THE GREEK & ROMAN SCULPTURE GALLERY

Dine shoulder to the shoulder with the Arundel marbles, an impressive collection of classical sculptures housed in our Greek and Roman Sculpture Gallery.

Flagged by striking columns, this magnificent space is an impactful backdrop for entertaining clients, celebrating achievements and toasting company wins.

For pre-dinner or awards drinks, this gallery is perfectly paired with either the contemporary Atrium or the Italian palazzo atmosphere of the European Art Gallery.



Lucy Davenport







ROOFTOP DINING ROOM & OUTDOOR TERRACE

A light and airy space at the top of the Museum, the Rooftop Restaurant is a calm oasis above the bustling Oxford city centre. Perfectly suited to dinners and receptions all year round, itsshowstopping feature is the view over the iconic Oxford skyline, which truly comes into its own on a balmy summers evening.

Sip cocktails with clients on the terrace, celebrate the festive season with a sumptuous Christmas party, or use the Rooftop Restaurant as a base whilst guests partake in tours and exclusive behind-the-scenes activities around the museum after closing.



Seated Dinner 70
Drinks Reception 100
Dinner and Dancing 70



European Art Gallery
Reception 90

EUROPEAN ART GALLERY & ITALIAN RENAISSANCE GALLERIES

A stately suite of galleries for opulent entertaining, these adjoining galleries evoke anEnglish country house or Italian palazzo.

Guests can soak up the rich colours of the impressive collections in the two spaces whilst savouring Champagne and delicious canapes.







Gods of the countryside
Arch of Trajan at Beneventum, AD 114 | Cast Gallery



CLASSICAL CAST GALLERY

Housing Britain's largest collection of monumental and sculptural casts, this calm and elegant gallery provides an excellent talking point for guests attending intimate receptions and museum experiences.

Should you and your guests wish to continue the classical theme, you can follow a reception with dinner in the Greek and Roman Sculpture Gallery.

'Peplos kore'
From Athenian Acropolis, c 530 BC | Cast Gallery

Cast Gallery
Reception 50



Drinks 150
Dancing 150





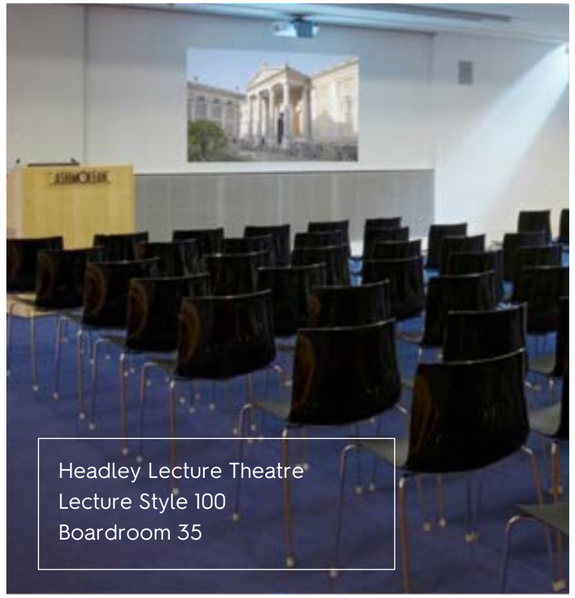
THE VAULTS

By day a café, by night a bar and dancing space that has played host to numerous post-dinner, or awards ceremony parties.

With its original flagstone flooring, domed ceiling and seating alcoves for those guests who need to rest their feet, the Vaults has seen many a guest let their hair down to live jazz collectives, funks bands and DJs.

Enjoy your celebration for longer by requesting a late licence.

Dancing Cranes
Takahashi Hiromitsu (2017)



Headley Lecture Theatre
Lecture Style 100
Boardroom 35



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The wedding procession of the Queen of Sheba

Giovanni di Ser Giovanni alias LoScheggia (1407 - 1486)
circa 1450 - 1460

LECTURE THEATRE & BOARDROOM

The Headley Lecture theatre is wonderfully suited to daytime meetings, training sessions and evening seminars, and can be easily combined with a guided tour to bring the museum alive for your guests.

For smaller gatherings with views over Oxford, The Director's Boardroom is a quiet spot on the rooftop ideal for C-suite company strategy days and client meetings, particularly when combined with a table in the neighbouring Rooftop Restaurant for lunch.

Both spaces are available for daytime and evening events.



Director's Boardroom
Boardroom 18
Dinner 16



NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM EXPERIENCES

Bring the Museum alive for your guests and delve into the stories of cultures past and present.

From casinos and cocktails in the Vaults to murder mystery nights to themed private tours of our collections or exhibitions, we can work with you on ways to spark conversations and make your event even more memorable.







CATERING PARTNERS

Whether you are hosting clients at a drinks reception, entertaining over a formal dinner or celebrating at an awards ceremony, our catering partners are well versed in making your event one your guests are sure to remember. We are proud that both of our catering partners are as committed as us to ensuring events at the Ashmolean are sustainable.

OXFORD FINE DINING

Oxford Fine Dining understand that corporate events require careful planning and attention to detail to ensure the very best experience for the organisers and guests alike.

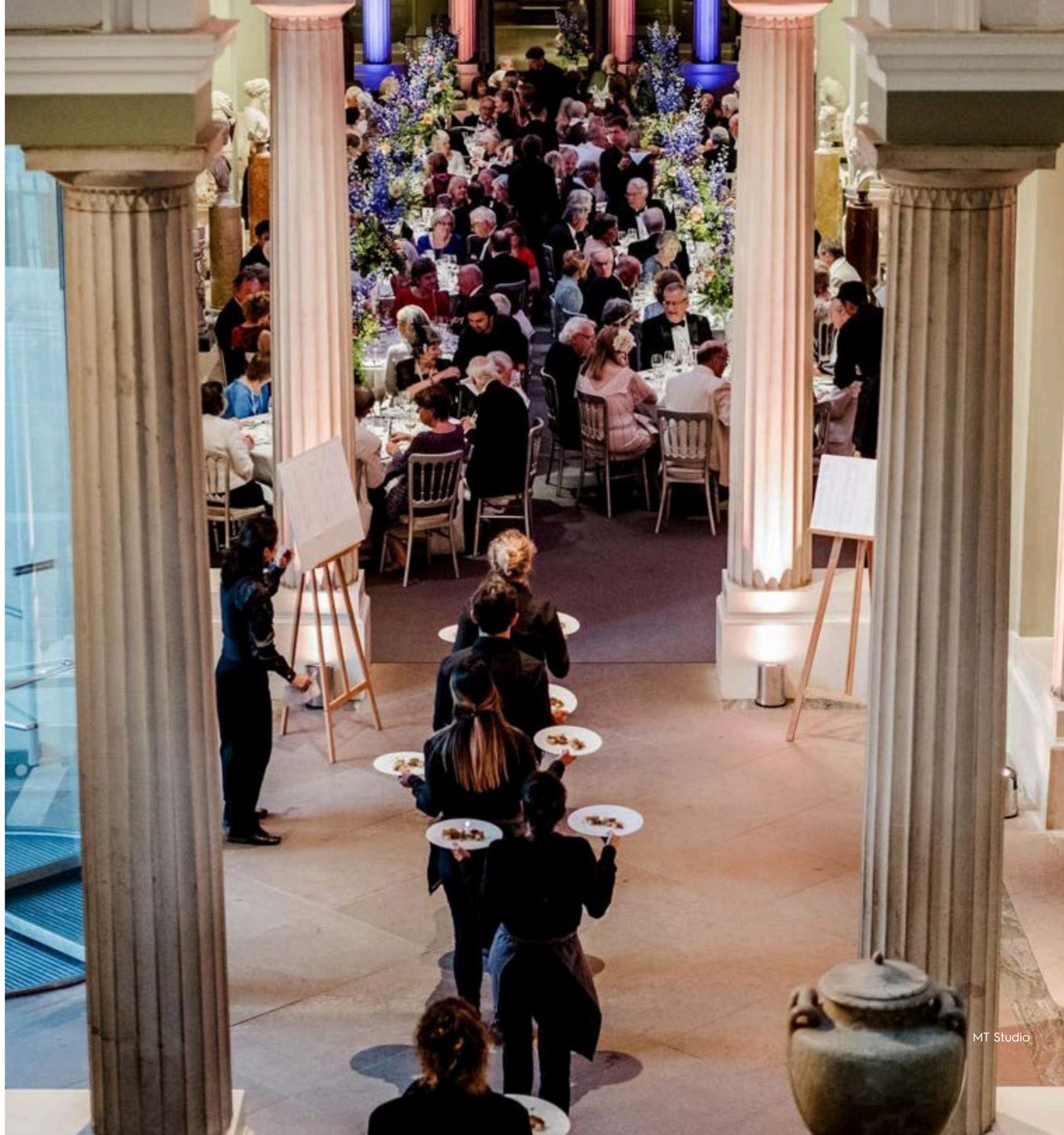
Their experienced, friendly and professional Event Managers will be on hand to offer advice on menu choices and their chefs will use innovation and creativity tailored to you to ensure deliciously different menus for your event.



EVENTS BY BENUGO

Benugo Events create spectacular culinary occasions with a magical sense of the unexpected, exquisite taste and exacting attention to detail.

Created with passion, their food is sustainably sourced, showcasing the best seasonal and local produce, beautifully designed to create an extraordinary dining experience.





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A-LIST SUPPLERS

Over the years we have developed relationships with trusted partners who support events at the museum.

This means we can offer our clients a list of hand-picked suppliers and creatives who share our values and meet our high standards. Familiar with our event spaces, they will work with your ideas and bring them to life in the museum.

Before considering a partnership, we ask about sustainable policies; what they are doing to reduce their own carbon footprint and how we can work together towards more environmentally sustainable events.



Attic red-figured bell krater
(440BC - 430BC)



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Museum's gallery spaces and café are only available from **18:00 (guest entry time)** depending on event and set up requirements.

The Headley Lecture Theatre and Boardroom are able to be booked both daytime and evening, depending on availability. The Rooftop and terrace may also be exclusively hired during the day but is subject to a minimum spend.

All of our galleries and external spaces are fully accessible. If you have any concerns around access, please do speak to a member of the Event team.

VIRTUAL TOUR

Explore our venue spaces online ▸

ROOM CAPACITY CHART

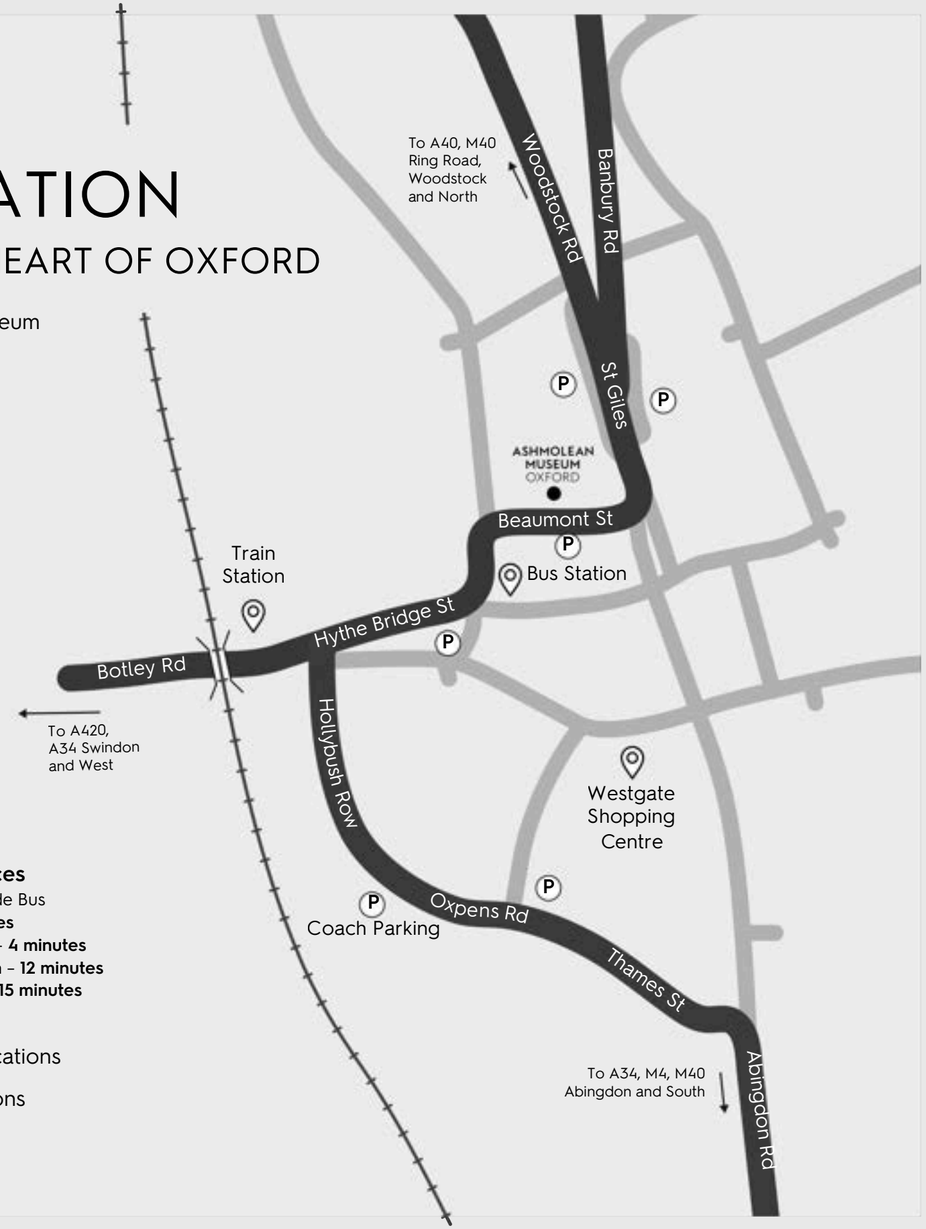
	Drinks Reception	Dinner	Theatre Style (e.g. awards / lecture)	Bar and Dancing	Boardroom
Atrium (Greek and Roman)	150	40	-	-	-
Sculpture Gallery	180	120–150	170	-	-
Rooftop Restaurant	100	70	50	80	40
European Art Gallery	90	-	90	-	40
Cast Gallery	50	-	40	-	-
The Vaults	150	70–120*	-	150	-
Headley Lecture Theatre	100	-	100	-	35
Boardroom	20	16	-	-	18
Multiple gallery / Museum-wide hire	150–800	-	-	-	-

** Buffet option only*

LOCATION

AT THE HEART OF OXFORD

Ashmolean Museum
Beaumont St
Oxford
OX1 2PH



Walking distances
Nearest Park andRide Bus Stops - **1 to 5 minutes**
Oxford Bus Station - **4 minutes**
Oxford Train Station - **12 minutes**
Westgate Parking - **15 minutes**

Parking Locations

Key Locations

OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

We wholeheartedly believe that events can be kinder to the planet without compromising on style or quality.

Our team is passionate about upholding our responsibility for the environmental impact of events at the Ashmolean.

We are proud to have been awarded accreditation from the Sustainable Wedding Alliance, an alliance of businesses with the shared purpose of creating more sustainable and environmentally conscious events.

ENQUIRE NOW

Contact us to start a conversation or arrange a virtual or in-person tour of our stunning spaces.

Call: 01865 610 406

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