

**FONO**

# Events Package



2026 RATES & TERMS



# FONO is for gathering

## A HIGH-FIDELITY HOSPITALITY SPACE IN OTTAWA'S CENTREOWN

FONO is built for connection. Part hi-fi bar, part event space – our venue blends high-fidelity sound, curated design, and thoughtful food and drink to create a one-of-a-kind experience in the heart of Centretown.

Whether you're planning an intimate gathering, a corporate meeting, a milestone celebration, or a full-scale private event; **FONO offers a setting that's warm, modern, and anything but ordinary.**

Our team works with you from start to finish: tailored menus, inventive cocktails, seamless coordination, and the atmosphere FONO is known for. Think of us as your collaborators in crafting an event your guests will never forget.

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# Our space, your event

Every detail of FONO has been designed for comfort, style, and sound. With our hi-fi lounge and expansive ballroom, FONO provides adaptable spaces for celebrations both grand and intimate.

## EVENTS WE LOVE TO HOST

Private dinners

Pop-ups and tasting events

Weddings and receptions

Business meetings and corporate retreats

Screenings, film nights, and live shows

Concerts or DJ nights

Bridal and baby showers

Product launches and exhibitions

Mixers, networking events, and galas

Dance parties and themed celebrations

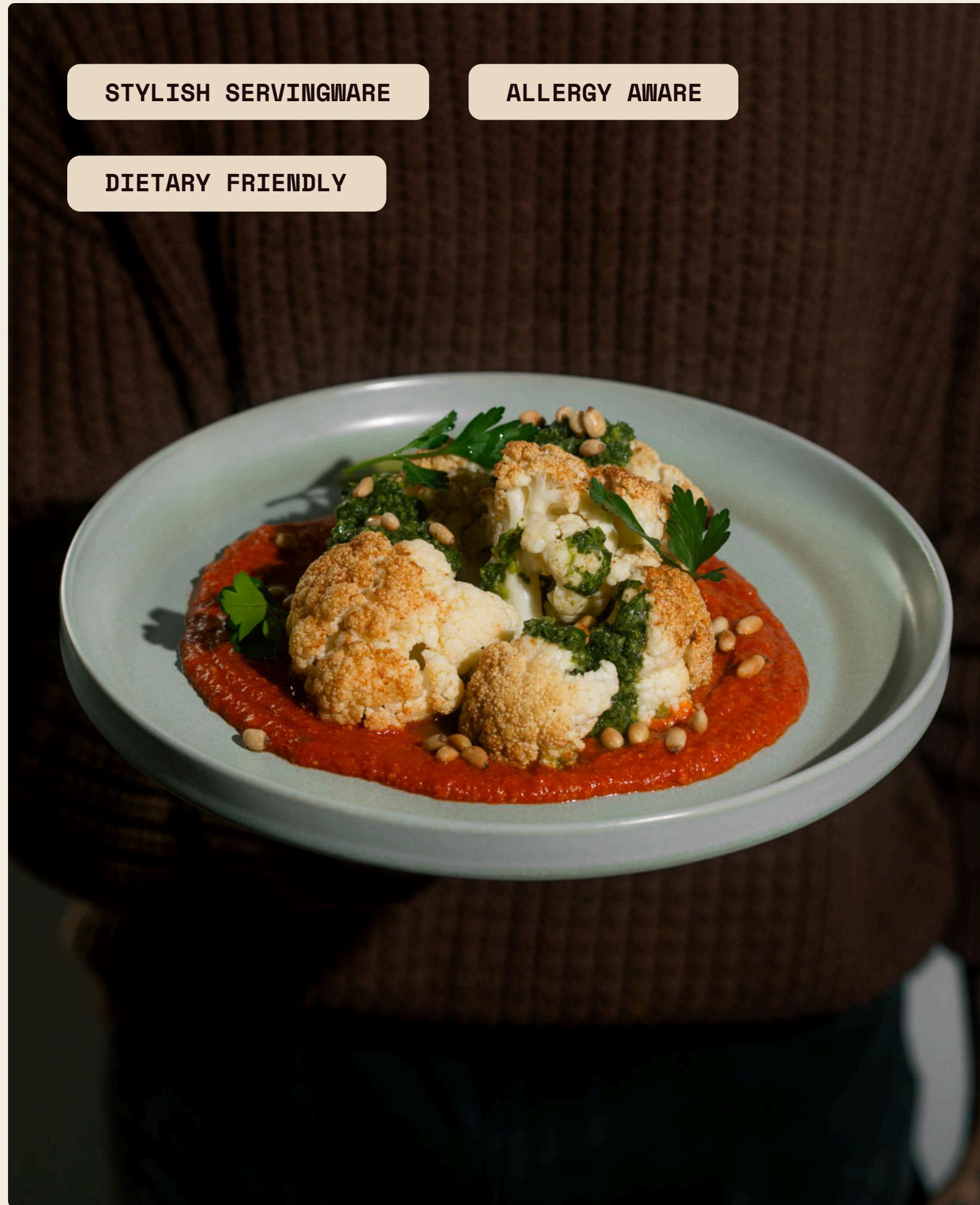
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# Eat well, drink well

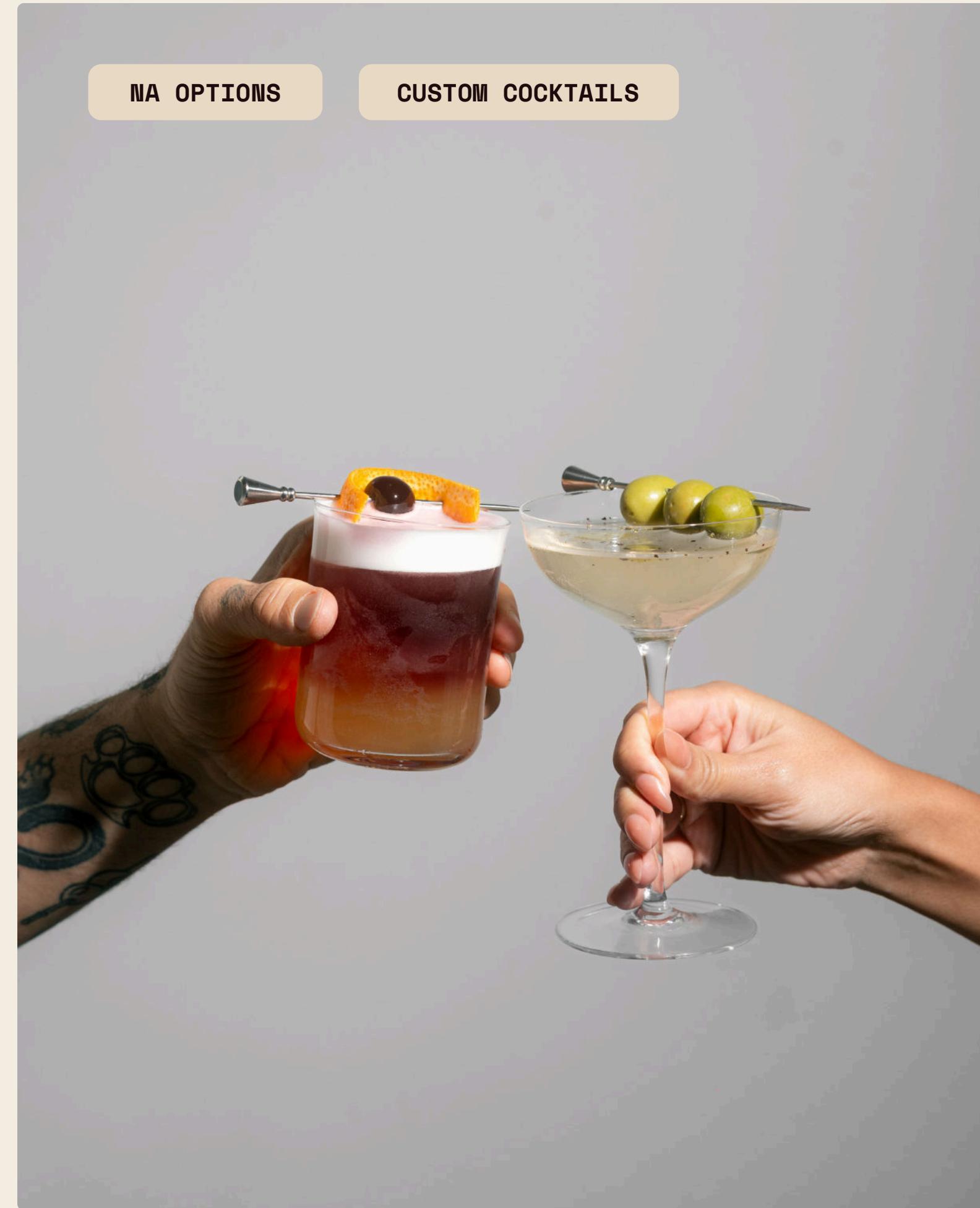
At FONO, food and drink are meant to surprise and delight. Our culinary team draws inspiration from global flavours, seasonal ingredients, and a playful approach to dining. Our bar program is as curated as our record collection, featuring inventive cocktails, craft selections, and natural wines.

Food and drink that surprise, delight, and keep the good times flowing. Everything from high-end wines to unpretentious beers, the choice is yours.



## Custom Menus

Designed around your tastes, your guests, and the season. From family-style dining to cocktail bites, our menus are anything but standard.



## Cocktail Program

Original cocktails, reimagined classics, natural wines, craft beer, and zero-proof options — curated for your crowd.



## Beverage Packages

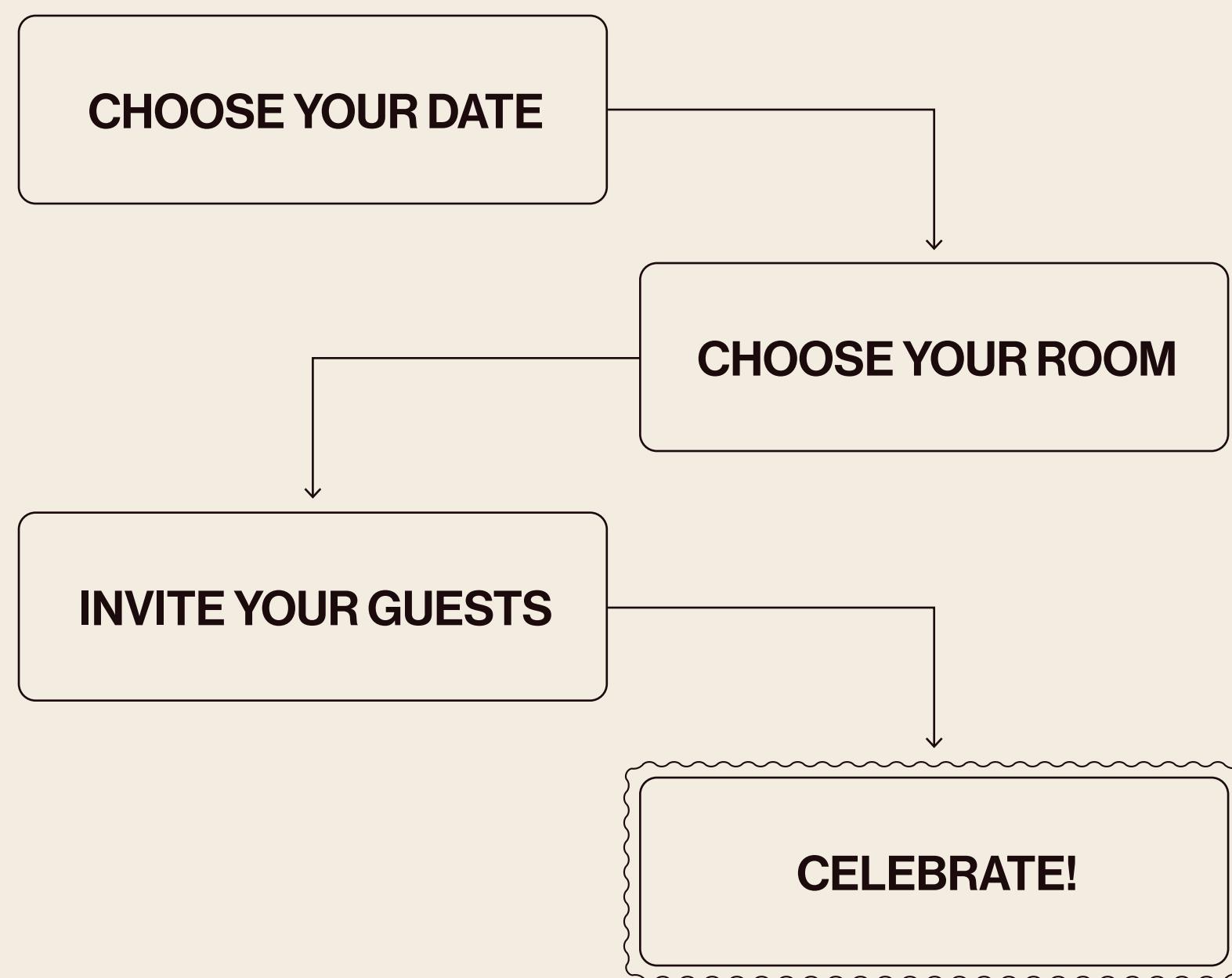
Choose a consumption-based bar or a hosted package, with options to scale for budget and style.

# Booking your event

From casual gatherings to full venue takeovers, our events team makes planning simple. We'll guide you through menu creation, bar options, layout, and entertainment so that the night feels effortless.

Instead of rental fees, FONO events are based on minimum food and beverage spends. Minimums vary by day of the week, season, and scope of your event.

Hosting shouldn't be hard. We handle the work—you soak up the vibes, the wine, and the memories.



## A Focus on Natural Wines

Celebrate thoughtfully sourced, natural wines that pair perfectly with our menu and elevate any gathering. Our curated selection highlights vibrant flavours, low-intervention craftsmanship, and bottles meant to be shared.



## Sweet and Simple Desserts

End your event on a high note with desserts that are light, modern, and effortlessly satisfying. Each treat is crafted to complement your meal without overwhelming it. Sweet, simple, and memorable.

# The Ballroom

Access to our *Ballroom* private event space

A versatile blank canvas with backroom privacy and clean, modern walls. Perfect for large gatherings, corporate meetings, DJ nights, cocktail hours, seminars, and more. Equipped with a motorized projector, microphones, and full technical hookups to support business meetings and presentations.

Capacity: 40 seated, 60 standing

Flexible layouts for seated or standing events

Full audio-visual setup

Dedicated bar station with beverage service options

Use of all in-house furniture

Wi-Fi throughout the venue

Climate control for year-round comfort

Semi-private access with a dedicated back room

Event support staff for setup and coordination

**Book now →**

# Full buyout

Exclusive access to *The Ballroom* and *Hi-Fi Lounge*

Centretown's only hi-fi lounge, moody and sophisticated yet relaxed—dubbed Centretown's living room. Renting the Lounge includes full access to the Ballroom. Features a wrap-around bar, comfortable seating, hi-fi sound system, DJ turntable, and full vinyl record setup. Ideal for receptions, parties, listening events, and more.

Capacity: 50 seated, 100 standing

Full access to both the *Hi-Fi Lounge* and *Ballroom*

Wrap-around bar and optional second bar station

Comfortable seating and flexible layouts

Hi-fi sound system with DJ turntable and vinyl access

Full audio-visual setup

Use of all in-house furniture

Wi-Fi throughout the venue

Climate control for year-round comfort

Event support staff for setup and coordination

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**Please note:** Décor, florals, custom rentals, DJs or live music, photography/videography, and services such as valet, coat check, or additional staffing are not included in any rental rates, but we're happy to help coordinate them upon request.

## 2026 RATES

# The Ballroom

Access to our Ballroom private event space

## JANUARY - MARCH

	Sunday - Thursday ↓	Friday - Saturday ↓
Daytime (10AM-3PM)	\$1,200	\$1,200
Evening (5PM-12AM)	\$1,500	\$1,500

## APRIL - DECEMBER

	Sunday - Thursday ↓	Friday - Saturday ↓
Daytime (10AM-3PM)	\$1,800	\$1,800
Evening (5PM-12AM)	\$2,000	\$2,500

Non-profit and charity discount at 15% of total spend

## 2026 RATES

# Full buyout

Exclusive access to The Ballroom and Hi-Fi Lounge

## JANUARY - MARCH

	Sunday - Thursday ↓	Friday - Saturday ↓
Daytime (10AM-3PM)	\$3,500	\$3,500
Evening (5PM-12AM)	\$5,000	\$7,000

## APRIL - DECEMBER

	Sunday - Thursday ↓	Friday - Saturday ↓
Daytime (10AM-3PM)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Evening (5PM-12AM)	\$8,000	\$10,000

Non-profit and charity discount at 15% of total spend



# Your day at FONO

Our goal is simple: make sure your event feels like you. From the playlist to the plating, the lighting to the late-night eats, every element can be tailored. With an experienced team and trusted partners, we take care of the details so you can focus on your guests.

At FONO, every event is a collaboration: your style, our support, unforgettable results.

#### Parking

Street and lot parking nearby; valet service available by request.

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#### Audio and Visuals

Featuring a state-of-the-art sound system, expert in-house A/V support, and fully customizable lighting to create the perfect atmosphere for any event.

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#### Location

Our central centretown location is easily accessible by transit, bike, or car—and just steps from premier Ottawa hotels and major transit routes.

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#### Accessibility

Accessible entry, all-gender washrooms, and inclusive service.

# The not-so-fine-print

## How to Book

To secure your event, a signed contract and a deposit are required: 10% of the minimum spend for The Ballroom, or 25% for a full buyout. To begin the booking process [click here](#).

## Tips and Gratuities

To support our staff, a 20% automatic gratuity is applied to all private bookings.

## Breakage or Cleaning Fees

The organizer may be charged breakage or cleaning fees for damages caused by the party.

## Minimum Spend

Food & beverage minimums apply; coordination fees, vendor fees, gratuity and HST are additional.

## Confirming your Booking

Reservations are not held or confirmed until the signed agreement is returned and deposit paid.

## Payment Schedule

Typically three instalments, with the final payment based on guest count, upgrades and any additional charges.

## Staffing

FONO builds a dedicated team for each event — from bartenders to DJs to security — ensuring every detail is covered.



# Frequently asked questions

## WILL FONO HOST OTHER EVENTS AT THE SAME TIME AS MINE?

Not if you book a full buyout — you'll have the entire venue to yourself. For smaller events, our lounge and ballroom can operate simultaneously but remain separated.

## CAN I BRING IN OUTSIDE FOOD OR ALCOHOL?

All food and beverage are provided in-house. Our chefs and bar team are happy to customize menus with your input.

## DO YOU OFFER TASTINGS?

Yes! Tastings can be scheduled 4–6 weeks before your event, tailored to seasonal menus.

## DO I NEED AN EVENT PLANNER?

Our in-house event team covers venue, food, beverage, and execution. If you'd like support with guest management, décor, or external suppliers, we're happy to collaborate with your planner.

## DO YOU HAVE PARKING?

We do not have specific parking but street parking is available. On nearby residential streets - free after 5.30pm.

## HOW DO WE RESERVE THE SPACE?

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## WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?

Deposits are non-refundable. Cancellations made more than 30 days before your event may be eligible for partial credit toward a future booking. Within 30 days, the full minimum spend will apply.

## HOW LONG CAN WE RENT THE SPACE FOR?

Standard event blocks are 5 hours, with options to extend for an additional fee. If you're seeking a longer or shorter event time, just ask! Our team would be happy to support your needs.

## CAN WE COME IN EARLY TO SET UP?

Yes. Complimentary set-up time is included (typically 1–2 hours before your event). Additional time can be arranged if needed.

## WHAT FURNITURE IS INCLUDED?

We provide standard tables, chairs, and bar seating. Layouts can be customized, and additional rentals (like lounge furniture or specialty décor) can be coordinated through us or a preferred vendor list.

## DO YOU PROVIDE SOUND AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT?

Yes. FONO comes equipped with a professional sound system and customizable lighting. Our in-house team can support your playlist, DJ, or live performance needs.

## DO YOU HAVE WI-FI?

Yes, secure guest Wi-Fi is included with all bookings.

**CAN WE BRING OUR OWN ALCOHOL?**

No. FONO is a fully licensed venue. Our bar program can be customized to feature your favourite spirits, cocktails, or wines.

**DO YOU ACCOMMODATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?**

Absolutely. Our chefs are experienced in creating inclusive menus and will work with you to accommodate any dietary needs.

**WHAT ARE THE CLOSEST HOTELS FOR OUR GUESTS?**

We're centrally located in Centretown with several boutique and major hotels nearby, including The Arc Hotel, Ottawa Marriott Hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, The Metcalf Hotel, and more. Our team can provide a list of recommended options.

**DO YOU HAVE A COAT CHECK?**

Yes. Coat check can be provided for your guests upon request. If you do not require a formal coat check, FONO offers standard closets for guests to access upon arrival

**WHAT TIME DO EVENTS NEED TO END?**

Generally, our last call is at 12:00 a.m., with all events ending by 1:00 a.m. Any events that go past 1:00AM require special permission from our event manager.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF MY EVENT DOESN'T REACH THE MINIMUM SPEND?**

Minimums are pre tax and gratuity. Parties failing to meet the minimum spends may be charged a "room fee" of the remaining balance, charged to the card on file.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I BREAK SOMETHING?**

Accidents happen! If the breakage is significant, the organizer may be charged breakage or cleaning fees for damages caused by the party.

**IS THERE AN AUTOMATIC GRATUITY?**

Yes, a 20% automatic gratuity will be applied to all private bookings.

**DO YOUR RATES CHANGE?**

Rates are subject to change. Any updates to pricing will be communicated in advance and will not apply without the client's knowledge and consent.

All events booked and confirmed at a stated rate will be honoured.

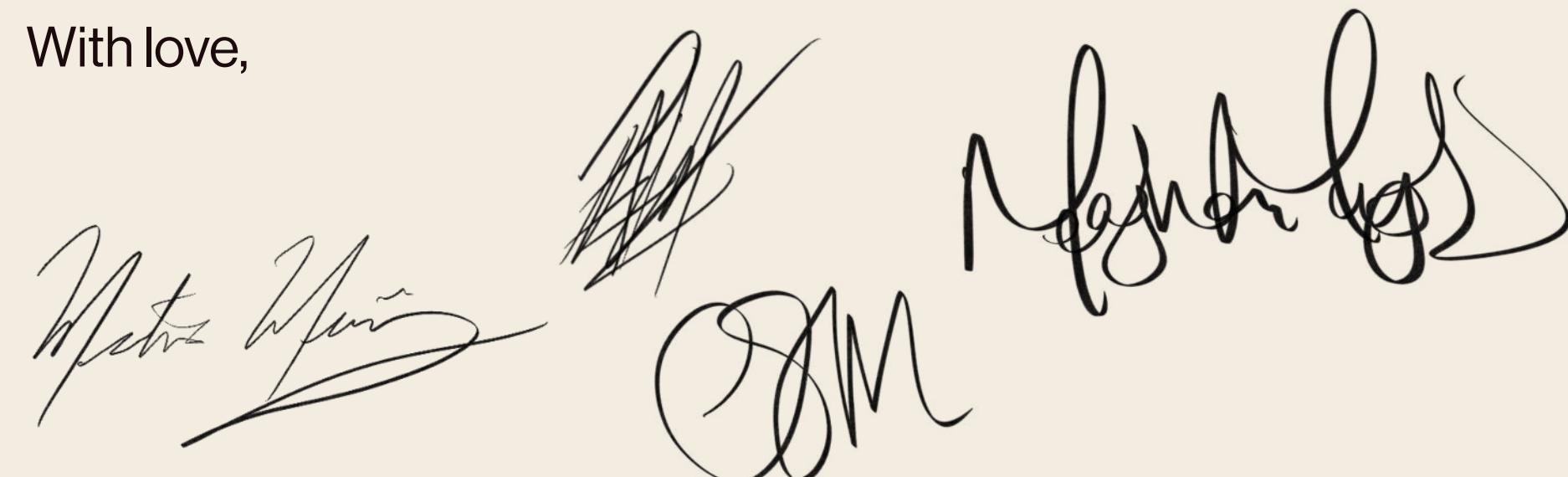
Have more questions that need answered? Just reach out and we'd be happy to help.



# Let's talk

Reach out to discuss your ideas, ask questions, or start planning your perfect event. We'll guide you through every detail, from menus and drinks to lighting, music, and more.

With love,



*The FONO team*

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