



A New Era of Elegance

The **Parkway Ballroom** invites you to hold your wedding reception, anniversary celebration, live music performance, meeting, or holiday party at our historic venue in one of several unique settings.

The Parkway Ballroom was once the swing and sway palace of Bronzeville. From 1940 to 1974, the Ballroom was the destination of choice for Chicago's African American community. At The Parkway, social, civic, and industrial organizations held their annual fundraisers, membership teas and graduation balls; happy crowds danced the night away to the incomparable melodies of Count Basie, Sarah Vaughn and Nat King Cole; and families celebrated birthdays, weddings, and reunions.

Building on our legacy of excellence,
we welcome you back to

Bronzeville

In 2002 Chef Clifford Rome ushered in **A New Era of Elegance** with the reopening of The Parkway Ballroom. Today's Parkway presents the space's traditional grandeur with a distinctively modern flair. The Parkway is a flexible, full service venue suitable for a wide range of events, offering a variety of spaces for your event. The management team sets the bar for excellence in culinary presentation, hospitality and event planning.

In addition to four star catering, The Parkway Ballroom can provide you with those additional services that will make your affair memorable, including floral arrangements, photography and videography, valet services, and entertainment.

Your event at The Parkway will be professionally managed from start to finish and will be remembered by you and your guests for years to come.

Your Event at the Parkway

The Spaces



The Ballroom

Classically apportioned space, decorated in rich gold, brown, and crimson. Perfect for wedding receptions, galas, and fashion shows. The ballroom can accommodate 250-300 individuals. Includes a staged "green" room.

Bronze Event Lounge

Chic, intimate, edgy design. Fully furnished room; holds 80 people.

Skybox

Perfect space for meetings, trainings, or private dinner parties. Holds 20 people.

The Courtyard

Spacious, rustic, furnished outdoor space. Perfect for outdoor weddings or cocktailing under the stars.



The following is some basic information about the venue:

Hours

The standard event package includes four hours for the event as well as one hour for set up and one hour for clean up. Deliveries of materials should occur only one hour prior to the event and should be scheduled with staff.

Catering

Rome's Joy is the Parkway's exclusive caterer.

Sound and Lighting Equipment

Ambient music is included as part of some standard packages. Microphones, speakers, spotlights, etc. are available at additional cost.

Your Event at the Parkway

Photography and Video

You are welcome to have a photographer or videographer present to record your event. We can also arrange to have a photographer or videographer present at additional cost.

Music and Entertainment

You are welcome to bring in your own entertainment; the Parkway staff reserves the right to approve your proposed entertainment. Your entertainment professionals must also consult with our sound technicians to ensure equipment compatibility. If you are still looking for entertainment, staff can recommend and arrange for Chicago area entertainers across many styles.



Signage

No signage can be affixed to the walls or railings. Gobo lights are the preferred signage method.

Parking

Self Parking is available immediately east of the building. Valet parking is also available. The Parkway can arrange valet services for the event. You can either pay for the cost of the valet or have the cost passed on to each guest.

Coat Check

Coat check services are available at additional cost.

Catwalk

A "catwalk" for fashion shows is available in the ballroom for an additional rental fee of \$600.

Security

The Parkway provides security as part of your event package.

Scheduling Your Event

Should you choose the Parkway, staff will meet with you to discuss your event and prepare a proposal. To hold your date, you must make a \$500 non-refundable deposit. No later than sixty days prior to the event you will have to finalize your event package, sign a contract and make a 30% payment. No later than fourteen days before the event we will require that the remaining balance be paid.

Other Information

The Parkway Ballroom is a no smoking facility. The building is fully handicapped accessible.



Rome's Joy Catering is a full service catering company providing memorable dining experiences to a discerning clientele. The company's services include catering, event planning, cooking classes, and private dining.

Chef Clifford Rome, President of Rome's Joy, brings over 15 years of experience to the field of food service. Chef Rome began his career as an operations manager for food at Midway Concessionaries and mastered the art of event planning through his experience with the Marriot Corporation.

Chef Rome took a turn at fine dining with Wolfgang Puck and Francois Dongo of "Spago", as a line chef and a member of their catering team—creating meals for photo shoots and Oscar parties. While working at Spago, he studied in Paris and worked with other chefs who trained under Puck. In 1999 Chef Rome became co-owner of "Dejoie's Bistro" located in the Randolph Street Market corridor. In 2002, with the closing of Dejoie's, Chef Rome was free to pursue the development of Rome's Joy.

Chef Rome has received recognition as a talented chef by local, national and international media. From 1998 through 2003, Chef Rome was one of five chefs working at the Cannes International Film Festival's American Pavilion—alongside master chefs Roger Verge, Bobby Flay, Mario Batali and Todd English. Chef Rome is currently the Food Editor for *Brides Noir Magazine* and has also made frequent appearances on Chicago morning news programs and been featured in the Chicago Sun-Times and The Washington Post .

Also part of the Rome's Joy team is Chef Claude Ako, Executive Chef for Rome's Joy. Chef Ako have decades of experience in fine dining at Spago and other establishments.

Rome's Joy provides catering for a variety of occasions and a diverse client base. Rome's Joy is presently the exclusive caterer at the historic Parkway Ballroom (4455 S. King Drive Chicago, Illinois). Rome's Joy is contributing culinary art and singularly sensational event planning to the redevelopment of Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood.

Through its off-site catering, Rome's Joy serves such clients as The University of Chicago, N'Digo Magazine, The Richmond Group and other professional institutions and corporations. Clients working with Rome's Joy experience unparalleled customer service and one of a kind good food.

