2025
Sponsorship
Opportunities









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Seattle Design Festival (SDF) is a platform for bold design conversations. We believe that design is for everyone and that inclusive co-design practices are essential to shaping an equitable Seattle. We collaborate with diverse communities, architects, designers, civic and business leaders, nonprofits, artists, and activists to generate solutions to complex social, cultural, and ecological challenges that affect all of us.

#### Vision

We envision a culture of design that fosters equitable, resilient, and thriving communities.

#### Mission

We unleash the design thinker in everyone to illuminate Seattle's challenges and ignite action.

# Seattle Design Festival Sponsorship

Proposal fees are waived as a benefit of sponsorship.

# **Our Reach**

54,000+

Web Views

11,000+

Social Media Followers Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn

20+

**Design Disciplines** 

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Logo					Increased logo recognition on Festival flags and lanyards
Logo	Logo				Increased logo recognition on Festival website
•	•				Opportunity to host a Design Mixer at your venue (additional expense may be required)
•	•	•			Speaking oppportunity at the Festival Kickoff Event (2 minutes)
Logo	Logo	Logo			Logo recognition on print collateral, posters, and ads
•	•	•	•		Featured Designer Q+A on the SDF Design Blog
•	•	•	•	•	Propose a unique program or installation at the Festival (fee waived)
•	•	•	•	•	Printed program recognition with logo or name
Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name	Year-round website recognition with your logo or name
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10 tickets	8 tickets	6 tickets	4 tickets	2 tickets	Complimentary admission to annual Festival Closing Party
Up to 5 posts	Up to 4 posts	Up to 3 posts	Up to 2 posts	1 post	Social media recognition

# Why Sponsor

For our firm, the festival is a chance to connect across our Portland and Seattle office. We gather to explore the yearly theme — always provocative and relevant — with big conversations about how design shapes our city. Turning our conversations outward, the festival offers an opportunity to create something unique with our community that is unconstrained by traditional project limitations.

It's a chance for professionals in the early stage of their career to stretch their **design** imagination and build leadership skills as they learn how to manage a small project. We see the Seattle Design Festival as a catalyst for joyful change."

— Stacey Crumbaker, Mahlum

Seattle Design Festival 7,400+\*
ATTENDEES

Block Party Virtual Mainstage Mixers/Socials Closing Party 168

\*Virtual Mainstage lives on and reaches new attendees everyday

**Boost Your Visibility** 

Seattle Design Festival is one of the largest if not THE largest publicly created design festival in the world. Your organization profile will be boosted with a diverse spectrum of members of the public, designers, creatives, and enthusiasts through high engagement channels and spaces, including web, print, social media, and Festival events and celebrations.

# **Demonstrate Your Values**

Supporting the Festival shows your employees, customers, clients, and partners that your organization believes that design is for everyone and that inclusive co-design practices are essential to shaping an equitable Seattle.

# **Show Care for Your Community**

Sponsorship support provides funding to keep the Festival accessible and 99% free to the public. Your support empowers underserved communities to leverage design and get actively involved in the design process.

# **Keep the Festival FREE**

SDF is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and sponsorships are considered a charitable contribution. Sponsorships supports our commitment to successfully promote and sustain the Festival and ensures it is free and/ or affordable to everyone. SDF is a 501c(3) organization and your contribution is eligible to be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

# **Invest in Your Team**

Leadership Opportunities • Team Building + Connection • Professional

Development • Remove Design Constraints • Spark Imaginative Thinking •

Fight Burnout • Elevate Emerging Designers

Make Your Commitment

# SDF 2025 Commitment Form



## Organization Information

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#### Logos

Seattle Design Festival keeps all sponsor logos on file. Please email the latest version of your color logo as well as black and white logo (.EPS format and JPEG at 300 dpi, at least 6" on long side) to <a href="mailto:zeem@aiaseattle.org">zeem@aiaseattle.org</a>.

#### Return to

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## My company is sponsoring an AIA Seattle program. Can we sponsor SDF, too?

Yes! However, AIA Seattle and SDF are separate entities with separate tax statuses. We request that commitments and payments to both organizations remain separate. You will receive a separate acknowledgment letter from each organization for your contribution.

### Is my sponsorship tax-deductible?

Yes. SDF is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and, as such, sponsorships are considered a charitable contribution. EIN: 27-4569299. Consult your tax advisor.

## How can I make the most of my sponsorship?

All SDF Sponsors are encouraged to propose a program for the Festival! Showcase your team's creativity and demonstrate the relevance of your organization's work to a large public audience. As a benefit of sponsorship, your submission fee will be waived! (\$100-\$500 value).

### Can I propose a project/installation without committing to a sponsorship?

Yes! For-profit businesses will be required to pay a proposal fee, but participation is not contingent on paid sponsorship. We will be in touch in early April to share the 2025 Call For Proposals.

## I have products to market. Does the Festival include booths or a trade show?

No. While Sponsors are eligible to propose a unique Festival installation, program or event, product marketing is discouraged. Participation in the Festival is driven by the goals that align with our mission: 1) highlight the value of your creative process; 2) provide an opportunity for community members to participate in design processes and for the public to influence design outcomes; 3) address or support work around urgent community problems; 4) inspire action and engage others; 5) showcase and celebrate design and our greater design community.



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#### **Bronze**

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