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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oakland Symphony: An Evening of Beethoven with Emanuel Ax Friday, February 8th at 8 p.m.



Spend an evening with Emanuel Ax and the amazing sounds of Beethoven on Friday, February 8th at 8:00pm.

Emanuel Ax joins Michael Morgan and the Oakland Symphony at the Oakland Paramount Theatre for an all-Beethoven program, including the youthful First Piano Concerto, and the joyous Choral Fantasy.

For more information on the show or to buy tickets, please click [here](#).

Chinese New Year Potluck Saturday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m.



Celebrate the Chinese New Year with our community partner, East Bay Network, on Saturday, February 9 from 6:00-10:00pm. The gracious host will be providing some dim sum items and dumplings.

Everyone attending is asked to bring their favorite main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share, based on the first letter of your last name as described [here](#). The kitchen will be available for food preparation or reheating if needed.

The party will be located at a home near Glen Park in San Francisco.

For more information and to RSVP, please click [here](#).

There will be a \$5.00 admission charge at the event if you are not a member of the East Bay Network.

February Second Sunday Sunday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m.



Join us at [Finn Town](#) for our February **Second Sunday!** Enjoy conversation, cocktails, and snacks thanks to the wonderful team at one of our favorite Castro hotspots. MAX Board member Jerry Tusan will be hosting this event and we'll have our own private space at the back of the restaurant.

RSVP on Meetup [here](#) for a fun Sunday afternoon or if you prefer to register through MAX's website, please click [here](#). There is no cover charge.

You'll no doubt walk away with a new friend or two!

February Third Thursday Thursday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m.



Join MAX SF at Beaux Bar from 5:30 pm to 8 pm for MAX's "Third Thursday". Join a superb crowd of gay men and their friends for food, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano. Tasty cocktails at happy hour prices! Appetizers provided!

Admission is \$5; complimentary for dues-paying members.

RSVP on Meetup [here](#) for a fun time! Or if you prefer, click [here](#) to RSVP on the website.

MAX Goes to the Theatre: *Late Company* Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.



Struggling to find closure after a family tragedy, Debora and Michael invite their son's bully and his family over for dinner. Pain, loss and rage all come to a head as the night evolves and there's enough blame for everybody to have a share. A juxtaposition of beautiful and brutal, *Late Company* is a transfixing hotbed of visceral tension dealing with the important topic of bullying among LGBTQ youth and teens.

Late Company is presented by the [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco.

For more information about joining MAX for this performance of *Late Company*, and for the 20% off **MAX discount code**, please click [here](#).

Plan to arrive at 7:00pm to meet and greet fellow MAXers at the NCTC full bar.

Buy your tickets for the Thursday, February 21st, 8:00pm performance [here](#). Then register [here](#) to let us know you'll be attending so we can prepare a name tag for the pre-show MAX meet and greet at the NCTC bar.

MAX Goes to the Theatre: *Steve* Sunday, March 31st at 11:45 a.m./1:15 p.m.



Join MAX and the [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, for the regional premiere of the tragicomedy *Steve*. Praised in a New York Times [Review](#) as the “some of the funniest dialogue in town”, *Steve* is a show not to be missed.

After years with his Prince Charming, Steve finds himself bored with his “happily ever after”, his prince is sexting another man, his best friend is ill and he’s facing the expiration date on his desirability. Filled with musical theatre references, plenty of heart and quick wit, *Steve* is a funny and relatable comedy about growing up, without growing old.

For more details on joining MAX at *Steve*, and for the 20% off **MAX discount code**, please click [here](#).

NCTC shows sell out, so **now** is the time to purchase your tickets and plan to join MAX for a fun and entertaining afternoon.

Plan to arrive at 1:15pm to meet and greet fellow MAXers at the NCTC full bar!

Buy your tickets for the Sunday, March 31, 2:00pm performance [here](#). Then register [here](#) to let us know you’ll be attending so we can prepare a name tag for the pre-show MAX gathering at the NCTC bar.

Steve Pre-Show Brunch at 11:45 a.m.



Event champion Paul Munro is organizing a pre-show brunch at [Revelry](#), a nearby French-inspired bistro (8-minute walk from the theatre). Reservations are for 11:45am.

Space is limited! Registration and deposit required to join us for this pre-show dinner. Please email Paul at paul.munro@maxsf.org if you are interested in joining us for this pre-show brunch.

MAX STORIES

In case you missed this story last week, this week we are recapping this first of a series of articles on the MAX trip to India in October of 2018.

INDIA: A DREAM DESTINATION FOR GAY MEN

By Phil Walker, MAX Travel



My Scruff Exploded!

Between the Delhi airport and my hotel, my Scruff exploded! 8 "hello" messages from handsome gay Indians in their 30's. "What was going on" I thought. I had not been this popular since my 20's. Could they all be money boys? They weren't. They were real, nice, handsome, and charming. And they love older white gay Men. In fact, they call us "Caucies." To have a "Caucie boyfriend" is the best thing going. When I asked a young Indian friend why Indian gay guys like older white guys, he said: "In India, we revere age. We also love white guys. Older guys are kind, reliable, fun, and treat you nicely. So, we want you." I thought, "Hallelujah. My time has come!"



Eight Handsome New Friends

I now have 8 handsome new friends in Delhi and others in Agra and Jaipur as well.



MAX Goes to India

In October 2018, 6 intrepid MAX members traveled to India. They traveled to Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur, and on to Udaipur. They uniformly loved it! And, they even had a doctor who traveled with them to deal with any ailments (luckily, only I needed him...).



A Place of Contrasts

India is a place of contrasts. You go from the madly teeming street traffic where you are holding on for dear life to sipping a gin and tonic by the pool as a turbaned waiter pours another. You go from temples filled with cymbals and music to markets filled with the sounds of haggling and selling. The streets are filled with men in turbans and full beards, younger people in full western wear, women in stunningly beautiful saris in every

imaginable color, smells of spicy food cooking, cows lying in the middle of the main streets with everyone swerving around them, motorcycles with 3 people on them, tuk-tuks with 8 people hanging from them, carts piled 10 feet high with bamboo or items going to market, and traffic that looks like bumper cars on acid.



The Secret of Traveling in India

The secret of India is exploring all the sites during the day with a Hindi-speaking guide and then coming back to a magnificent hotel to relax in the evening. Our guide was a PhD Student named Gurjeet. She was 30 and an expert on Gandhi. She toured us across Delhi like a pro--arranging all of our transport; taking us on the Metro (much better than either Muni or BART); guiding us for lunch, dinner, and cocktails; doing all of the negotiating for us in the markets in Hindi; and telling us whether something was a good deal, or we were being ripped off. She cost \$150 per day. We split that amongst our 6 so it came out to \$22 per person per day.

And imagine what it was like for Gurjeet traveling for 10 days with 6 out gay men. She was in heaven!



In the next 3 articles, I will tell you about Delhi, the Taj Mahal, Jaipur (City of Kings), and Udaipur (City of Lakes where Octopussy was filmed). And, there will be lots and lots of pictures and videos. So, keep reading.

And, if you are interested in joining MAX on its next India trip from March 28th – April 13th, 2019, for \$1,644.00, email Phil Walker at phil@askphilwalker.com. An Informational Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Phil's home at 7 p.m. You will learn all you want to know about the trip, see videos, and see everything you can expect if you join us.

PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS

Discounted Fine Performing Arts and Theatre Tickets February 11th



For MAX Members Only!

Through a special arrangement with Craig Pavlich, a tremendous Friend of MAX, we are able to offer discounted tickets to select performances of fine performing arts, major Broadway productions, concerts, and local theatre shows. Tickets are available for this previously announced performance:

- **Santa Rosa Symphony**, [Love Letters](#), February 11th

For details, available seats, and for information on how to purchase these discounted tickets, dues-paying MAX Members should email a request to Concierge@maxsf.org.

SHN Discounted Theatre Tickets



SHN (Shorenstein Hays Nederlander) is the preeminent theatrical entertainment company in the Bay Area, bringing live entertainment experiences to San Francisco's premier venues, the Orpheum and Golden Gate Theatres.

As a special benefit for the MAX community, SHN has made the discount code "MAXSFSHN" available for 10% – 30% off many SHN performances. For Price Guides and Performance Calendars, call 1-888-746-1799, visit the SHN box office, or visit www.shnsf.com/online/article/corp-club.

Note: Discounts not available for all performances. Extent of discount depends upon day of the week and section within the theatre. Tickets subject to availability. Other restrictions may apply. No refunds, cancellations, or exchanges.

Please consider joining us for *Hamilton* on March 21st as described above in this newsletter. No discounts are offered for *Hamilton*.

For any questions, please contact the event champion and MAX SF liaison to SHN, MAX SF Board Member Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

NCTC Discounted Theatre Tickets



The [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC) is the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco. The mission of New Conservatory Theatre Center is to champion innovative, high-quality productions for the queer and allied communities.

As a special benefit for the MAX community, NCTC has made the discount code "MAX" available for 20% off all NCTC theatre productions!

Click [here](#) for upcoming shows! Please consider joining us for *Steve* on Sunday, March 31st and/or *Late Company* on Thursday, February 21st as described above in this newsletter.

If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at paul.munro@maxsf.org.

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-- Paul Munro, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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