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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAX 2019 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Sunday, March 17th at 3:00 p.m.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with MAX!

This St. Patrick's Day join MAX for a fun St. Patrick's Day party. A traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings will be served. Desserts will be provided. The party will feature Irish Whisky drinks including Irish Coffee. Wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

The Village House and the Vineyard House are hosting this event for the MAX SF community. The Vineyard House Master and MAX SF Board member, Jerry Tusan, will be making his traditional homemade corned beef. The Village and The Vineyard Houses invite you to join them for this festive and tasty celebration.

\$30 for MAX SF dues-paying members; \$40 for non-members

Be sure to wear your green!

The party will be located at a private residence in San Francisco near Alamo Square. The address will be provided about a week before the event to registered guests. Please be sure to provide a valid email address to receive the directions.

Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot TODAY!

Click [here](#) to pay and reserve your spot by March 12th!

March Third Thursday Thursday, March 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 *Hamilton*! Thursday, March 21st at 6:15 p.m.



Join MAX for the musical and cultural phenomenon that is *Hamilton*!

Hamilton tells the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway, *Hamilton* is the story of American then, as told by America now. In 2016 *Hamilton* received a record-setting 16 Tony nominations, winning 11, as well as receiving a 2016 Grammy Award and the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. For more information about the SHN production of *Hamilton*, please click [here](#).

The show starts at 7:00 pm. **For attendees from MAX, a VIP reception will be held in the Orpheum Theater Blue Room starting at 6:15 pm.**

Buy your tickets for the 7:00 pm March 21st performance [here](#). Orchestra tickets start at \$246 and mezzanine tickets start at \$214 (no discounts are available for *Hamilton*).

Then register on our website [here](#) to **RSVP for the MAX pre-show VIP reception in the Orpheum Theater Blue Room.**

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

SHN Orpheum Theatre
1192 Market St., San Francisco

MAX India: Delhi, Taj Mahal, Jaipur, and Udaipur March 28th-April 13th



MAX INDIA FOR \$1,644.00! (16 Days)

Mar. 28 - Apr. 13, 2019

**UPDATE: Exclusive Dinners with Two of India's
Top Gay Rights Leaders!**

**UPDATE: 25 People Showing Interest!
*We Still Have Space!***

RT Air: SFO - Delhi: \$578.00

Hotels: \$666.00 if you share: \$1,231.00 single occupancy

Tour Leader: \$100

MAX: \$100 for Members; \$250 for Non-Members

DELHI, TAJ MAHAL, JAIPUR, AND UDAIPUR

**STAY AT WORLD'S #1 HOTEL: +\$302/room
(normally, \$1,100 USD)**

A Dream Destination for Gay Men

"Spectacular!"

"Absolute best trip of my lifetime!"

"The most incredible trip of our lifetimes!"

- MAX India Tour members, 2018

UPDATE: EXCLUSIVE DINNERS WITH AMAN NATH AND PRINCE MANVENDRA SINGH

We now have two magnificent surprises! During the trip, we will be having dinners with two India gay rights leaders, Aman Nath and Prince Manvendra Singh.

Aman Nath and his partner, Francis Wacziarg, restored the Neemrana Fort outside Delhi into a magnificent jewel hotel dating from the 1300's (our group will be staying there). The renovation was so successful that they went on to restore and own 25 additional hotels across India.

In addition to restoring hotels, Aman joined 5 others in June 2016 to challenge the Colonial-era Indian law that outlawed homosexuality – Section 377. In 2018, the Indian Supreme Court unanimously declared the law unconstitutional and legalized homosexuality in India.

Prince Manvendra Singh is a long-time friend of MAX. MAX hosted a fundraiser for him in 2017 to help support his opening of the first LGBT Center in India. Prince Manvendra is the first Indian royal to come out as gay. He has been featured on The Oprah Show two times as well as the BBC and India Times. Prince Manvendra now spends his time traveling the globe highlighting the struggle of all gay people for freedom.

We will dine with Aman Nath in Delhi and with Prince Manvendra in Udaipur. In Delhi, we will dine with Aman at the Spice Route restaurant in the Imperial Hotel. This is one of Delhi's most superb restaurants.

Hear the amazing experiences of these two gay rights pioneers and what Western gay men can do to help our gay brothers and sisters in India.

WHY INDIA?

If you are like many, you think India is expensive to travel to, difficult to travel in, poverty-ridden, barren, and unhealthy. As the MAX 2018 India Travel Group will tell you, you could not be more wrong.

The MAX 2019 India trip is filled with 5-star hotels for \$100 per night, sights such as the Taj Mahal (truly, the most beautiful building in the world), restaurants selected by our Indian Food Blogger, handsome Indian men, tea in a Maharajah's palace, cooking class in an Indian home, a moving day decorating, bathing, and riding elephants, temples, holy men, your own Tour Guide and drivers, a doctor travelling with our group, cocktails served poolside by turbaned waiters, and the smells roasting meat and spices as you dine on the roof of the world's number one hotel, the Taj Lake Palace, listening to sitar music while gazing through the night sky at the lake below and illuminated palaces above.

HOW IT WORKS:

We let you know what flights and hotels to book. You do the bookings yourself on Expedia, Orbitz, or Hotels.com. Then, we arrange a guide and driver to take us to the sites each day (this costs \$30 per person per day in addition to the fees above.) Most of our Tour Hosts are gay. They do all negotiating for us in Hindi, arrange transportation for us around the city, show us where the gay spots are, introduce us to friends, and tell us about gay life in India. Our Food Guide, Singh, is a food blogger who knows all the great restaurants of Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. Among your experiences, you will dine on incredible northern Indian food at Pinch of Spice, and have cocktails and smoke hookah while listening to Sufi music overlooking Delhi's evening sky. We will arrange these and other experiences for you.

Phil Walker will be your Tour Leader. He visited India twice in 2018. He loves India. It shows, as the 2019 trip incorporates all the special finds he and the group made in 2018. **We even travel with our own doctor who**

takes care of any medical needs you have. (On our last trip, no one needed his help. The water in all the hotels is filtered. Everyone's stomach was fine.) You can't beat having your own doctor, the experience, or the price!

For information on this trip, just email Phil at phil@askphilwalker.com. He will send you the full itinerary for this trip, as well as what you will see, where you will stay, where you will eat, and what you will experience.

"This will be the trip of a lifetime. I promise." -- Phil Walker

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.



UPDATE!: there are only a few spots left for the Pre-Show Brunch

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.

Smuin Ballet: The Best of Smuin and World Premiere by Amy Seiwert Saturday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.



Join MAX for an evening with the Smuin Ballet, San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company.

Smuin introduces a smashing world premiere featuring Amy Seiwert's signature choreography, described by the San Francisco Chronicle as "keeping founder Michael Smuin's legacy of unabashed showmanship alive." As a choreographer, Seiwert has pushed the boundaries of dance by collaborating with artists of other disciplines and experimenting with its various forms and expressions from a classical base. Now Artistic

Director of Sacramento Ballet, Amy Seiwert returns to help Smuin celebrate its quarter-century anniversary celebration.

This performance also features The Best of Smuin, featuring the return of timeless Michael Smuin favorites such as “Unforgettable,” “Foolish Things,” and the red-hot chair solo “Fever”. This showcase of classics is packed with the ol’ razzle-dazzle, visually stunning effects, and twists that are Smuin’s trademarks.

For more information on this performance, Dance Series 02, click [here](#).

Join us for a Pre-Show VIP Reception for MAX SF (appetizers and hosted bar) in the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Backstage Green Room beginning at 6:30pm. Admission limited to 30 and RSVP is required. Show starts at 7:30pm.

Smuin Ballet is offering 20% off tickets for the MAX community for this performance! When purchasing tickets, enter the discount code **MAXGROUP**.

The performance we’ve picked still has good seat availability, but ***now*** is the time to purchase your tickets!

To purchase your tickets,

1. Click [here](#)
2. Enter the MAXGROUP code
3. Select the April 27th, 7:30 pm performance
4. Select the category of seats in the dropdown box under “Where would you like to sit?”
5. Select your seats and then click the “Buy Tickets Shown Above” button.
Note: This discounted price does not show up until you press this button.
6. Then click on the Checkout & Pay button.
7. Then, click [here](#) to register to attend the MAX SF pre-show VIP reception in the Backstage Green Room.

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

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
700 Howard St, San Francisco

SOLD OUT! Ashland Spring Getaway - Memorial Day Weekend Friday, May 24th - Monday, May 27th



UPDATE - This Trip is Now Sold-Out!

Coming Up: Ashland Labor Day Weekend Getway

See the next article for more information.

This Memorial Day Weekend, a group from MAX will journey on a four-day getaway to beautiful Ashland, Oregon, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. We will board our van on the morning of Friday, May 24th and begin a journey that includes theater, wineries, magnificent nature and small-town charm.

The all-inclusive package includes sampling Oregon wines while watching the sunset over the Rogue Valley, a historic trolley ride through nearby the gold rush town of Jacksonville, Oregon, and a half day trip to Deep Crater Lake National Park. We will return on Monday evening, with a lunch stop in the olive groves in Corning, CA.

We will attend three performances at the [Oregon Shakespeare Festival](#): the hilarious musical [Hairspray](#), a new play based on Steinbeck's [Grapes of Wrath](#), [Mother Road](#), and one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, [As You Like It](#). The package includes transportation, tickets, accommodations, and all local visits -- a \$900 value. Once again, we will have our own exclusive cottages at the Carlisle Garden Suites. You also have the option of seeing some of the other OSF productions and taking the backstage tour. Meals are not included, but very affordable.

Cost Options:

- \$400 per person, double occupancy
- \$650 per person, single room

Space Available:

This trip was limited to 12 attendees and is now sold out!

For More Information:

Contact event host Lorenzo Taylor, Lorenzo_Max@aol.com.

Preview: Ashland Labor Day Weekend Getaway Friday, August 30th-Monday, September 2nd



If you missed the Ashland Spring Getaway trip, keep an eye out in this newsletter for Lorenzo's next Ashland trip. Lorenzo is planning a Labor Day getaway August 30th – September 2nd with three different shows (Alice in Wonderland, Macbeth and Indecent).

Lorenzo will start taking reservations in June.

Event host Lorenzo Taylor: Lorenzo_Max@aol.com

UPDATE! MAX Cruise: Sailing the Blue Danube August 19th-27th



UPDATE: Single Supplement Waived!

MAX Sign-Ups Have Started, Join the MAX Contingent!

This summer join MAX and your MAX Host David Petlin on an Avalon Waterways river cruise on the Danube.

You'll cruise up the Danube from Budapest to Linz with a docking overnight in Vienna. Enjoy the opportunity to explore Budapest, attend a Medieval Knights Tournament at a Visegrád castle, take a hike to Count

Dracula's prison tower, explore Vienna, sample cheese and beer made by Trappist monks, and much, much more.

Experience the Blue Danube **your** way on Avalon Waterways, while sharing the experience with your fellow MAX travelers and with the new friends you'll meet. With Avalon Choice® selections of Classic, Discovery, and Active excursions, each day is yours to spend your way. Whether you're an art lover, a foodie, a history buff, or an energetic adventurer, this Active Discovery cruise on the Danube invites you to experience culture and cuisine in creative ways that are perfect for you.

Cruise prices for this 9-day adventure start at \$3995 per person inclusive of taxes and air, based on double occupancy.

UPDATE: This is the perfect opportunity to sail single – Avalon has announced they are continuing to waive the single supplement charge. A limited number of cabins are available for solo travelers with **no single supplement charge**. *The opportunity to sail single at no additional charge is rarely offered on any other cruise line.*

For dues-paying MAX members, the MAX trip fee is included in the price. For all others, the fee to MAX will be \$100 per person.

\$250 deposit per person is required to book - **final payment is not due until April 30th, 2019** . Contact David Petlin at David@travelbyflair.com or 415-890-6331 for more information or to book your cruise!

PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS

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 "MAXSFHSHN" 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 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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