



NEWSLETTER

Mid-October 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have interesting events calendared through the end of the year. We hope to see you at one of these events soon!

MAX appreciates the folks who have renewed their membership. We hope lapsed members see the value in the camaraderie and fun events offered by MAX. *We hope they will renew soon to continue receiving the newsletters and other benefits of membership.* Go to www.maxsf.org to renew or contact conciierge@maxsf.org with any questions.

Jim Tom, Chairman

Upcoming Events

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Other Planned Events

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux.

November/December - Conservatory of Music

December 7 - Dine About at restaurant

December 15 - Holiday Cheers - Champagne social

Note: All upcoming events also can be seen on the MAX website/calendar at www.maxsf.org. Clicking on a newsletter link herein and then seeing "Page not found (error 404)" indicates link was corrupted. **Please go directly to the website at www.maxsf.org to register if the hyperlinks herein do not work.**

Recap of Recent Events

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **October 19th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. There is no entry or cover charge for this event. Happy hour prices apply as mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 28, 5pm - 8pm - Join MAX for a festive Costume Party this Halloween! The theme is Drag but any other costume is fine. You must come in some semblance of drag or an outfit to be admitted. Please honor this request, so get your outfit and accessories ready! You will want to look fabulous!



Wine, liquor, non-alcoholic beverages and heavy appetizers will be served. The cost is \$30 person for members and \$36 for non-members. Space is limited to 40 people, but a waitlist will be available for possible additional spaces and cancellations. No cancellation refunds after October 22. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5298966>

Location is around Gough and Clay Streets in Pacific Heights. Address will be provided a week prior to the event to those who register. For more information, contact Ken at ken.cleveland@maxsf.org or Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Artists' Studios Tour

Sunday, October 29, 1pm - Join MAX for a FREE tour of local artists' studios. This event is led by your event champions, Joel Barish and Bruce Cecil. The studios are opened from 11am - 5pm, but we will meet at 1:00 pm at 1890 Bryant Street in San Francisco. Every autumn, hundreds of San Francisco artists open their studios to the general public. They do it with a hope that people will want to purchase the art, but they are always happy to talk about their work. Most of the artists also put out beverages and snacks, to make it more enticing to come into their studios. This year, MAX will start by visiting the 1890 Bryant Street Studios, a unique industrial art complex with 100+ artists, for about an hour, then walk over to other nearby buildings that house art studios. If you discover it's not your cup of tea, you could always drop out at any time.

Please register at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5436820>

There is a 12-person maximum for this event, but a wait list for cancellations will be created if necessary. For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org

Lunch at the University Club

Wednesday, November 1. 12:00-2:30pm - Join MAX for lunch with the *Gentlemen's Luncheon Group* at the University Club in San Francisco. Your hosts, Ken Cleaveland and Chris Meza, are members of both groups. Located at 800 Powell Street in Nob Hill, the University Club is a historic gathering place for cultural and intellectual life, a place where a diverse membership can enjoy the fellowship of a private club. A sports coat/suit or smart casual is suggested.



Folks convene at noon for about a half-hour of socializing / cocktails at the No Host bar before being seated around 12:30 pm.

Cost is \$55 for a three-course meal, consisting of salad, entree, dessert and coffee plus red & white wine for the table. Cost includes tax and tip. You must register directly with Chris Mesa at cmeza@me.com to be put on the list and pre-select your entree. For further information, contact Chris or Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org.

Secondarily, please also register on the following MAX link, so we know who from MAX is attending and keep attendees updated if needed. Register at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5289359>

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **November 3rd** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. There is no entry or cover charge for this event. Happy hour prices apply as mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7pm. We hope to see you there!

New Conservatory Theater: "we are continuous"

Saturday, November 11. 7:30-10:00pm (show) / 5:45pm (optional dinner)

Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see the West Coast premier of "we are continuous" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness Ave., just off Market Street in San Francisco. MAX has secured 10 tickets, all together in a group, in premier seating. Tickets are \$42 for MAX members and \$48 for non-MAX members (this price includes all service fees, and is 25% off the regular price if you are a MAX member). A wait list will be available for possible additional discounted tickets.

To register for the **show**, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5417611>



The play, by Harrison David Rivers, is semi-autobiographical. It explores how people can change and how love can evolve. In the play, Simon's mother was his best friend and biggest supporter, before he came out. But now there's an ocean between them of what can't be said, especially around his father, and a life-changing secret comes to light, which threatens the family. Here is the link to read more: <https://nctcsf.org/event/we-are-continuous/>

Optional Pre-show Dinner: We will meet at about 5:45 to 6 pm for dinner at Cadillac Bar and Grill, 44 Ninth St. located about 3 blocks away from the theater. Come a little bit earlier (about 5:15 to 5:45 pm) for cocktails at the bar before dinner. Reserve your spot with a refundable \$10 deposit, which helps us arrange the correct number of seats. At the restaurant, we will return the \$10 to you in cash, and everyone will pay individually for what they choose to eat or drink. IMPORTANT - Bring cash to pay for dinner, instead of paying using a credit card. To register for **dinner**, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5417602>

Deadline to register and pay for **both** the show and the optional pre-show dinner is Nov. 1. No refunds will be allowed after that date. For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Life and Times of Malcolm X - NY Met Opera Live Simulcast in HD

Saturday, November 18. 9:30am -1pm (opera) / Optional lunch afterward

Join MAX to watch The Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* theater broadcast of “**X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X**”, at the AMC Metreon (at 4th Street and Mission Street). The opera will be simulcast live from the New York Lincoln Center, starting at 9:55 AM.



The opera sketches an outline of the short but eventful life of Malcolm X. The opera's narrative sketches the galvanic life and career of the controversial activist in a series of fast-moving vignettes which trace his trajectory from hate to love. A groundbreaking and influential opera, with a score by composer Anthony Davis and a libretto by playwright Thulani Davis, *X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X* first premiered in 1986 at the New York City Opera. This production features a newly revised, layered, jazz-inflected score and a potent new staging that imagines Malcolm as an Everyman whose story transcends time and space. Read more about the opera [here](#).

We'll meet upstairs in the concession lobby of the AMC Theatre on the 3rd floor of the Metreon by 9:30 AM to give everyone time to get any refreshments and get settled before the show begins at 9:55 AM. The opera will run three hours and twenty-five minutes with two intermissions.

We have reserved a block of 14 tickets. We'll be sitting in seats D5 – D10 and E4 – E11. You may view the seating chart for this performance [here](#). The cost for the pre-purchased tickets to watch the opera is \$29. The deadline to register and reserve a ticket is Thursday, November 16th. Sorry, no refunds after Thursday, November 16th. To register and purchase these pre-purchased tickets, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5454088>

To cancel a pre-purchased ticket or if you have any questions, email event co-champion Paul Munro at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org with MalcolmX in the subject line.

Optional Lunch - After the opera, those interested can join us at the nearby Delarosa Downtown restaurant for [lunch](#) (deposit required). Delarosa is a short 7-minute walk from the theater. If you're interested in joining us for lunch after the opera, read the details, RSVP, and pay your deposit for the post-opera lunch [here](#).

Smuin's The Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night

Tuesday, December 19. 7:30pm -9:30 (ballet) / 5:30pm (Optional dinner)

Join MAX for ***Smuin's The Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night*** performance. Smuin Ballet's fiercely festive 2023 edition of their annual *Smuin's The Christmas Ballet* returns – showcasing Smuin's exquisite signature style in a dazzling program of ballet, contemporary, character, Broadway jazz, and tap in two acts.



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For the one-night-only LGBTQ+ Night, Smuin Ballet has created special programming and casting that celebrates our vibrant LGBTQ+ community. The performance is divided into a classical first half and a fun and jazzy second half featuring red-hot contemporary dances set to pop favorites. For more information about [Smuin Ballet](#), San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company, click [here](#).

Smuin Ballet also will be offering an **optional afterparty** on the LGBTQ+ Night. More information on how to purchase tickets to the afterparty will be provided later to those who register with MAX for this event.

Tickets are on Sale - Reserve Your Seats Today! MAX dues-paying members will get a **20% discount** for Gold, Silver, and Bronze seating sections (all seating options except Platinum seats). Read how to get the discount code [here](#).

Note: You must log in to the MAX SF website as a dues-paying member to access this link. If you forgot your password, click [here](#). If you are a dues-paying member and have forgotten which email account you used for your membership, email conciierge@maxsf.org. **Alternatively, if you are a dues-paying member, you can email the event champion Paul Munro at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org for the discount code.**

To purchase your tickets from Smuin, click [here](#). More instructions to purchase are detailed on the MAX website at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5453118>

After you have purchased tickets, please click REGISTER to RSVP and let us know you'll be joining us for this performance. We will let those who RSVP know how to purchase tickets to the afterparty once those tickets become available.

For any questions, please contact the event champion, Paul Munro, at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org.

Optional pre-ballet dinner - For those interested, also join us for a [pre-performance dinner](#) at Amber India. For those interested, join Paul Munro before the show at Amber India, a five-minute walk from the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Read the details and reserve your space for this pre-performance dinner [here](#).

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Pre-Castro Fair Lunch - MAX members got together at Paul Munro's beautiful apartment in the heart of the Castro to socialize and have lunch before venturing out to the 49th Annual Castro Street Fair. The wonderful weather enabled members to enjoy a fun and lively event around Paul's spacious outdoor patio.



Nike Missile Site Tour - MAX enjoyed an informative tour of the Nike Missile Site in the Marin Headlands. We learned about the national Nike defense program and its capabilities to counter a Russian nuclear missile attack. MAX members were able to see de-commissioned missiles as well as watch a missile moved from underground storage to launch position above ground.



