



NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some exciting year-end events on the calendar and look forward to seeing you there.

Member Appreciation Day - Free for members

Saturday, November 12 from 3pm-6pm. MAX will host a social with wine and hors d'oeuvres to show appreciation to our members for being a part of the MAX community and helping it thrive. This social is for dues-paying members only.

Attendance is limited and requires registration at <https://maxsf.org/event-4895393>. Event information follows below in this newsletter.

Go to www.maxsf.org to become as a dues-paying member and join us at this social! Please contact Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org if you have questions or difficulty with registration.

Expiration of Grace Period

The grace period expires October 31. Those not renewing or those in our contact list not joining will be removed from MAX. Henceforth, newsletters will be sent to members only. MAX remains open to everyone but being a dues-paying member offers benefits. Previous newsletters discussed such benefits, including discounted pricing for MAX events, discounts to various theaters or performing arts, earlier notice of events, and access to members-only events and the newsletters. Non-members still can participate in MAX events and have access to the MAX website, events calendar and newsletters on the website. To join, go to www.maxsf.org

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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.

January 7, 2023 - BroadwaySF - Respect: Aretha Franklin Show

January 10, 2023 - Forum: Living Trusts

January 28, 2023 - Chinese New Year Banquet

Recap of Recent Events

First Friday

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **November 4th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

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Saturday, November 12. 3:00 – 6:00 pm. MAX will host a social with wine and hors d'oeuvres to show appreciation to our members for being a part of the MAX community and helping it thrive. We hope the camaraderie within MAX is helping enhance our social bonds for a fuller life with fun and socialization. This FREE event is for dues-paying members only, so sign up and pay your dues today.

Location is at a Pacific Heights historical area (Gough and Clay Streets). Address will be emailed to registered members prior to the event. You must sign up so we know how much food and wine to purchase. We must limit reservations to the first 75 members. Deadline is November 5.

To register, please go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4895393>. If you register and cannot make it, please cancel so others can go. For additional information, contact Jerry Tusan at Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org.

Third Thursday

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **November 17th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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 - A Picture of Two Boys

Saturday, November 19. 6 pm for optional dinner / 8 pm for show. Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see "A Picture of Two Boys" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness, just off Market Street in San Francisco. This is a world premiere play by Nick Malakhov. In it, two friends want to escape their mostly white, not-so-secretly racist town in rural Pennsylvania. One dreams of college and big cities, while the other just wants to be next to Kurt Cobain.



MAX has secured 10 tickets, all together in a group, in premier seating. Tickets are \$45 for MAX members and \$50 for non-MAX members (this discounted price includes all service fees). A wait list will be available for possible additional discounted tickets. To reserve and pay for the show, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4915206>. Deadline to register is Nov. 6. No refunds will be allowed after Nov. 6.

Optional Pre-show Dinner: We also will meet at 6:00pm for dinner and drinks beforehand at Max's Opera Cafe (601 Van Ness at Opera Plaza). If you wish to join us for dinner, please pay \$10 to reserve your spot. This helps us arrange the correct number of seats at the restaurant. 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. To pay to reserve a spot for the dinner, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4975148> Deadline for the dinner reservation is Nov 16, and no refunds will be allowed after Nov. 16.

For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Volunteer for Project Open Hand

Monday, November 21, 9:00 am to 12 pm. Join MAX in volunteering at Project Open Hand, a non-profit social services organization that initially prepared meals for people with HIV/AIDS. It has expanded to feed seniors and people fighting cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other serious illnesses. For more information, go to: <http://www.openhand.org/>

Project Open Hand relies on volunteers to fulfill its mission. Mondays is the one day of the week designated for groups. MAX volunteers will work together on tasks such as packaging and sorting bulk items into individual portions, culling produce, stocking perishable items, and assembling grocery bags for Project Open Hand clients.

The group size is limited to 20 people. Go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4896457> to register for this event with MAX. Volunteers will complete the individual registration process later with Open Hand. Location is 730 Polk Street at Ellis Street.

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After our event, we will go for an optional lunch at the nearby La Cocina Municipal Marketplace that opened in 2021 as the nation's first women-led food hall. Contact event organizer, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org for more information.

Holiday Gift Exchange

Sunday, December 4, 4pm to 8pm. Join Santa and his Elves to kick off the Holidays with plenty of good cheer, libations and heavy appetizers at the North Pole of Diamond Heights, in San Francisco. The festivities begin at 4pm and the "white elephant" gift exchange starts at 5:30pm. To participate, please bring a wrapped gift of something you wish to re-gift. It could be an unused item in the closet, a previous gift or something unique. Please make sure the value is under \$15 and is fairly new. We will draw numbers so the gifts exchange will be anonymous.

Please enjoy and drink the eggnog responsibly. Due to space limitations at the North Pole, we must limit capacity to 15 people. Cost for the event is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5007042> Sorry, no refunds.

Address on Diamond Heights Boulevard in San Francisco will be provided after registration. For more information, contact event champion, Jerry Tusan at Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org.

Smuin Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night

Tuesday, December 20. 7:30pm - 9:30pm for show - Join MAX for Smuin Ballet's annual *Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night* to benefit Project Open Hand. Smuin Ballet's fiercely festive 2022 edition of *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. For the one-night-only LGBTQ+ Night, Smuin Ballet has created special programming and casting that celebrates our vibrant LGBTQ+ community!



Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members for this performance. Buy your tickets at: <https://tickets.smuinballet.org>
Purchasing tickets sooner than later will enable better seat selection.

5:30pm - 7:00pm for optional pre-show dinner - Those interested also may sign-up to join event champion Paul Munro for dinner at Amber India before the performance.

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance. Go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5025693> to RSVP and to read the details, including how to get the discount, and how to reserve a space to join Paul for dinner before the show. For more information, contact Paul at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org

Holiday Cheers Social

Thursday, December 22, 5:30pm to 7:30pm Join events champions, Jim Tom and Elie Abijaoude, to celebrate the holidays and friends. Location will be in a San Francisco condominium with wonderful city views. Wine and hors d-oeuvres will be served. Space is limited to 20 people, so dues-paying members will have first priority for registration. *More details will follow later.*

Recap of Recent Events

Dim Sum at Lai Hong Lounge – Everyone enjoyed a wide assortment of delicious delicacies at this sold-out event in Chinatown. The plentiful food sated everyone's appetite and more! Afterward, participants gathered outside the restaurant to continue chatting for almost 30 minutes.



