



NEWSLETTER
Mid-March 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have various fun and cultural events coming up on the calendar. We hope to see you there.

Check out our new archive page where photos and event recap from various events are posted: <https://maxsf.org/Event/Newsletter-Archives>

As a benefit of membership, MAX dues-paying members also can check out some of the discounts offered by several performing arts groups at: <https://maxsf.org/member-discounts>

Upcoming Events

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[May 13 - Smuin Ballet: Dance Series 2](#)

Other Planned Events

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

May/June - Lawn Bowling in Golden Gate Park

Summer - Cantor Arts Center at Stanford

August 25 - BroadwaySF - Tina Turner

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 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 **March 16th** 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!

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 18. 4:00pm-7:00pm. Join us on Saturday, March 18 for a Post St Patrick's Day Celebration of homemade dinner of lean corned beef and the usual trimmings, along with appetizers and hosted beverages consisting of white wine, Irish beer, Irish coffee and a non alcoholic selection.

The event will be held at one of our member's beautiful loft in San Francisco off Van Ness and near CPMC. The event will begin at 4 with dinner served at 5:30 pm. Exact address to be given one week prior to event upon registration.

Cost is \$42 per member or \$50 per non-member. We must limit this event to the first 20 people. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. Sorry, no refunds after March 11. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5144735>

Please contact Jerry Tusan with any questions at: jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

Unspeakable Vice: Walking tour of Historical Gay North Beach

Saturday, April 1. 10:30am-12:00pm (excluding optional lunch). This will be an interesting walking tour of historical Gay North Beach, with an optional lunch at one of North Beach's famous Italian restaurants. This tour is part of the San Francisco Historical Society's tour series, and is led by a very knowledgeable and engaging historian. Starting at the SF Historical Society (608 Commercial St.), we'll zig zag our way by more than a dozen lost queer bars, and hear about gay life going all the way back to the Gold Rush. Hear how the "unspeakable vice" of the Victorians found its place and, through the process, gained a voice. Tour ends around 12:00 with a drink at Maggie McGarry's pub, the site an infamous lesbian hook-up spot at 1353 Grant Ave (drink included in the tour price). Then we will walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch at about 12:30. (Lunch is optional, location TBD).

The cost is \$30 per person. Tour is limited to 16 people. No refunds after March 25. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5179978>

For more information, contact Stephen Geisheker at stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org

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Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **April 7th** 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!

Dinner at Lark Bistro in the Castro

Thursday, April 13. 6:00pm-8:00pm - Enjoy a unique dining experience in the newly remodeled Lark Bistro at 4068 18th Street in the Castro. Casual Mediterranean and Greek cuisine with a nice selection of entrees, salads and sides. Full bar with beer and wine. Cozy, intimate atmosphere. A \$20 deposit will hold your RSVP but will be returned to you that evening to pay for your dinner. Separate checks will be provided. Check out the menu at larksf.squarespace.com

We must limit this event to the first 15 people. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. Sorry, no refunds after April 8. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5198125>

Please contact Jerry Tusan with any questions at: jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

New Conservatory Theater - Locusts Have No King

Saturday, April 22. 8:00am-10:00pm (excluding optional dinner).

Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see "Locusts Have No King" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness, just off Market Street in San Francisco. The show is written by a queer Puerto Rican/Dominican playwright. It is about two closeted gay couples who work together, live in the same apartment building, but can't stand one another. They get together for a dinner party, where all hell breaks loose. This link will tell you more about the play: <https://www.nctcsf.org/22-23-Season/Locusts-Have-No-King>

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 register for the show, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5128580>

Optional Pre-show Dinner (5:45pm-7:30pm): We also will meet at 5:45 pm for dinner and drinks beforehand at Max's Opera Cafe (601 Van Ness Ave. at Opera Plaza). If you wish to join us for the pre-show dinner, register **separately** by clicking on the link for the NCTC Pre-Show Dinner for "Locusts Have No King" or at <https://maxsf.org/event-5128609>

Deadline to register and pay for **both** the show and the optional pre-show dinner is April 14. No cancellation refunds will be allowed after that date. For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org

Champion - NY Metropolitan Opera Live in HD

Saturday, April 29. 9:30am-12:30pm (excluding optional post-opera lunch)

Join MAX to watch The Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* theater broadcast of “**Champion**”, at the Century 9 Theater in the Westfield San Francisco Centre mall (on Market Street, off Powell Street). The opera will be simulcast live from the New York Lincoln Center on Saturday, April 29th, starting at 9:55 AM.

Champion is based on the true story of bisexual boxer Emile Griffith. In 1962 Emile was closeted. After a homophobic slur from his opponent before a 1962 boxing match, Emile ended up killing his opponent in a flurry of blows during the match. He was cleared of wrongdoing and continued to compete. However, the world was less forgiving thirty years later when he was outed after being severely assaulted outside a gay bar. **“I kill a man and most people forgive me ... I love a man ... this makes me an evil person.”** Read more about the opera *Champions* [here](#).



We'll meet in the lobby of the Century 9 Theatre on the 5th floor of the Westfield San Francisco Centre mall 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 two hours and fifty minutes with one intermission.

We have reserved a block of 13 tickets for MAX dues-paying members and a guest. We'll be sitting in seats F6 – F14 and G7 – G10. You may view the seating chart for this performance [here](#). Cost for the opera is \$29. The deadline to register and reserve a ticket is Thursday, April 27th. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5188594>

Sorry, no cancellation refunds after Thursday, April 27th. For cancellations and questions, email event co-champion Paul Munro at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org with Champions in the subject line.

For everyone who is not a dues-paying member of MAX SF, buy your ticket [here](#) or use the ticketing app of your choice. Note: Be sure to purchase a ticket for the showing at the Century San Francisco Centre 9 and XD.

Optional Lunch - After the opera, those interested can join us at a nearby restaurant for a 1:30pm lunch (advance deposit required). The restaurant has yet to be chosen. Keep an eye out [here](#) for details and to pay your deposit once the venue has been selected.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) Welcomes MAX Sunday, May 7. Open 11:00am - 5:00pm with gathering at 2:00pm.

SFMOMA welcomes MAX and selected LGBTG clubs with free admission to the museum plus a free drink. This is not the free monthly day that is opened to the general public. SFMOMA is reaching out to the LGBTQ community to expand awareness of what SFMOMA offers to our community. We would be able to visit the entire museum from 11am to 5pm, but MAX plans to gather at 2:00pm to socialize among LGBTQ attendees with a free cocktail at the no-host bar. More details on this will follow later.

SFMOMA is one of the largest modern and contemporary art museums in the

United States. For additional information on SFMOMA and upcoming exhibits, go to <https://www.sfmoma.org/>



Among the many collections and exhibits on display will be Oakland-based artist Sadie Barnette's *The New Eagle Creek Saloon* (2019) that reimagines San Francisco's first black-owned gay bar, opened by the artist's father, Rodney Barnette, in 1990. The New Eagle Creek Saloon served as a safe gathering space for the multiracial queer community marginalized by the city's queer nightlife scene at the time. For more information on this exhibit, go to: <https://www.sfmoma.org/exhibition/sadie-barnette-the-new-eagle-creek-saloon/>

MAX is the lead LGBTQ group and is able to invite select LGBTQ groups to this event. This event is free, but registration is required at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5191879>

Sign up soon as this event likely could fill up since several other LGBTQ groups also will be registering. MAX dues-paying members will get early notice. Registrants will be put on the MAX guest list for museum admission and be given a drink coupon. If you register and cannot attend, please cancel out of courtesy and for planning purposes.

Event hosts are Roman Gronkowski and Jim Tom. For additional information, contact Jim at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Smuin Ballet: Dance Series 2

Saturday, May 13. 2:00pm - 4:00pm (excluding optional lunch)

Join MAX for the spring 2023 performance of Smuin Ballet, San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company. For more information on the *Dance Series 2* program, please click [here](#). The Dance Series 02 will feature:

- *Swipe* by Val Caniparoli, music by Gabriel Prokofiev
- *Sextette* company premiere by Katarzyna Skarpetowska, music by Johann Sebastian Bach
- *Dream* by Michael Smuin, music by Chopin
- *World Premiere* by Amy Seiwert



MAX dues-paying members will get a 20% discount for this performance. 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 event champion, Paul Munro at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org. Alternatively, if you are a dues-paying member, you can email Paul for the discount code.

After you have purchased tickets, please let us know you'll be joining us for this performance by registering to RSVP at <https://maxsf.org/event-5188664>

For any questions, please email Paul Munro.

Optional Pre-Ballet Lunch (12:00pm - 1:30pm) - For those interested, join Paul Munro and MAX for lunch before the show at John's Grill, which is a ten minute walk from the Blue Shield of California YBCA Theater. Advance deposit required to join us. Read the details and reserve your space for this pre-performance lunch [here](#).

Recap of Recent Events

Berkeley Hike - Undeterred by the recent rains, a small but energetic group of MAXers went on a Berkeley hike. The day turned out to be gorgeous and sunny with blue skies and cool but not cold weather. They saw lots of interesting architectural styles, explored UC Berkeley campus, and afterward, enjoyed lunch and beer at Eureka Restaurant in downtown Berkeley.

