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NEW THIS WEEK

My Favorite Place: The Blind Butcher Tuesday December 17th at 6:00pm



Join Paul Munro at one of his favorite places, The Blind Butcher.

Jerry Tusan introduced us to The Blind Butcher, the Castro's newest premier steak house, for MAX's June *My Favorite Place*. We had such a good time that we're returning again in December.

With a casual and comfortable vibe, The Blind Butcher's menu offers hearty main dishes and a variety of appetizers and desserts. The wait staff are very accommodating, and the menu includes vegan and vegetarian options. As a recent dining companion mentioned to Paul, every dish is excellent at The Blind Butcher.

Advance \$30 deposit required to secure your reservation to join us. Your deposit will be applied to the cost of your meal and beverages. Each diner will be responsible for paying for their food and drinks in excess of the deposit. No refunds for cancellations after Friday December 13th.

My Favorite Place is our monthly dinner series. Each month a MAX member selects one of their favorite restaurants to introduce to the MAX community.

Get the details and Register >

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MAX Discounts for BroadwaySF Performances

In case you missed this announcement in last week's newsletter:



On sale now!



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On sale Nov 6



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BroadwaySF (formerly SHN) has now announced productions through July 2020 for which discounts will be available to MAX dues-paying members (depending on the performance). Discounts are also available to many weekday performances of the musical and cultural phenomenon that is *Hamilton*.

If you are a dues-paying member of MAX, click [here](#) for details.

To become a member of MAX, click [here](#).

For any questions, please contact the MAX SF liaison to BroadwaySF, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

November Third Thursday Thursday November 21st at 5:30pm



This Thursday join us at Beaux Bar from 5:30 pm to 8 pm for MAX SF's **"Third Thursday"**. Join a great crowd of gay men and their friends for cocktails at happy hour prices, appetizers, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano.

Check out pictures from a recent Third Thursday [here](#).

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

Beaux Bar, 2344 Market St, SF.

Get the details and Register > [REGISTER](#)

For MAX events that feature alcohol, we strongly encourage you to take public transportation, a cab/Uber/Lyft, walk, or have a designated driver.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All upcoming events can be viewed on the MAX SF website [calendar](#).

Note: A Meetup account is not required to sign-up for any MAX SF event. **You always have the choice to sign-up for any MAX SF event on our website [calendar](#).**

SOLD OUT - Holiday Elegant Brunch: The Rotunda at Neiman Marcus
Saturday November 30th at 12:00pm

A group from MAX will be joining MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade for a *Holiday Elegant Brunch* at The Rotunda, the spectacular and elegant restaurant at Neiman Marcus Sa Francisco.

Unfortunately, this event is now sold out. For any questions, email Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

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Chairman's First Friday Friday December 6th at 6:00pm

Join us Friday December 6th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for our monthly Chairman's First Friday at Beaux Bar (2344 Market St, San Francisco), conveniently located in the Castro neighborhood.

Come down and join us at Beaux! In December our Chairman's First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and discuss your plans this holiday season. There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

Help Is On The Way For The Holidays Monday December 9th at 7:30pm



Join our community partner, the [Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation](#) (REAF), for their annual holiday benefit concert, [Help is on the Way for the Holidays](#).

Enjoy a festive and spirited performance at the Marines' Memorial Theater featuring members from the Tony Award-winning show *Hamilton*, cast members from the national tour of the hit

Broadway musical, *Summer, The Donna Summer Musical*, and others. The evening wraps up with a VIP after party with the cast at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, one block from the theater.

REAF is offering a \$20 discount to MAX dues-paying members which reduces the price for balcony seating to \$25 and for VIP rear or side orchestra seating to \$105.

Get the details > [EVENT DETAILS](#)

December Wooftop Wednesday: Cityscape Lounge at the Hilton Wednesday December 11th at 5:00pm

For the December Wooftop Wednesday, join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at [Cityscape Lounge](#), located on the 46th floor of Hilton San Francisco Union Square. Join Nick and enjoy the spectacular and unobstructed 360-view of San Francisco.

There is no cover charge and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

Smuin Ballet: The Christmas Ballet Friday December 13th at 7:30pm

Join MAX for a performance of Smuin Ballet's annual holiday show, *The Christmas Ballet*.

The Christmas Ballet is a favorite holiday tradition – complete with dazzling tap numbers, a 40-foot feather boa, and falling snowflakes!

The Christmas Ballet includes selections that are moving and beautiful and others that are smart, fun, and sure to bring a smile to your face. The performance usually ends on just the right note of joie to send you out onto the streets with a spring in your step!

Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members for this performance. For those interested, attendees may also join event champion Paul Munro for [dinner before the show](#) and for drinks after the performance.

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

MAX Goes to the Theatre: Head Over Heels Friday December 27th at 7:30pm

Join MAX and the [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, for *Head Over Heels*.

Head Over Heels is a joyful bold sexually polymorphous new musical featuring the soundtrack of the most successful female rock band of all time, The Go-Go's.

Tickets range from \$45 to \$59 and **NCTC is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members.**

Plan to arrive by 7:30pm to meet and greet fellow MAX attendees at the NCTC full bar before the 8:00pm show. For those interested, also join us for a pre-show dinner at Absinthe. After the performance feel free to join event champion Paul Munro for a nightcap at Martuni's.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

January Elegant Brunch: Top of the Mark Sunday January 5th at 12:00pm

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In January, join MAX for an *Elegant Brunch* at the [Top of the Mark](#) atop the historic InterContinental Mark Hopkins luxury hotel on Nob Hill.

Enjoy the best Champagne brunch buffet in San Francisco while soaking in the spectacular breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views of the San Francisco skyline, Bay, and the Golden Gate Bridge. The buffet is phenomenal, with selections ranging from prime rib to dim sum and a caviar bar, in addition to your favorite breakfast standards - all offered with gracious superb service to match.

Space is limited. Advance payment of \$128 (\$99 Sunday buffet charge plus tax and tip) is required to secure your reservation to join us.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

MAX Cruise: Wine Cruise to Mexico with MAX Thursday March 19th - Monday March 23rd, 2020

Come join MAX and your host David Petlin for a four night round-trip sailing out of SAN FRANCISCO on board the beautiful Carnival Miracle. That's right, **no air fare needed!** Sail to Sunny Ensenada Mexico where we will meet our hosts for a wonderful day adventuring through

the Guadalupe Valley – [Mexico's answer to Napa Valley](#) – for a spectacular day of wine tasting including a 5-course lunch at a 5-star restaurant.

Cruise price starts at only \$419 a person double occupancy plus taxes, fees, and gratuities.

The excursion to Mexico's wine country, including transportation, tastings, and the prix fixe lunch will be \$150 per person. The fee to MAX will be \$25 per dues-paying member/\$50 all others. The excursion to the wine country is limited to the first 30 and is half sold-out.

Call or email Our Travel Host - David Petlin at 415-890-6331 or david@travelbyflair.com to reserve your spot. Interested but looking to avoid the dreaded single supplement charge? Contact David to be put on our roommate match list and he will assist you with finding a roommate.

Get the details > [EVENT DETAILS](#)

MAX MEMBER PROFILE

In case you missed this in last week's newsletter, we've added a new feature, MAX Member Profile, in which we periodically introduce and interview a MAX member.

Jim Cady

We recently sat down with Jim Cady, Secretary on the MAX Board of Directors.

Jim originally hails from Virginia and the DC area. After graduating from UVA, Jim served in the Air Force for seven years. He then went on to law school and eventually moved to the Bay Area in 2000. Except for a 3-year break working in Austria from 2002 to 2005, he has been in the Bay Area ever since. Jim lived on the Peninsula until 2015, when his employer asked him to move to San Francisco.

Q: How has the transition to the city been?

Jim: It's been great overall, but it was tough at first having to hit the reset button and start all over having to find friends and a sense of home here in the city.

However, I was eventually introduced to MAX. Gradually I started attending and volunteering to help out at different events, and the next thing I knew I was serving on the MAX Board of Directors this year.

Q: How has the MAX experience been for you?

Jim: It's been great. I've met and made friends with a lot of nice people.

It's given me a chance to give back to my new home by volunteering with other MAX members to help support REAF with its annual fundraising gala for the benefit of very important worthy causes in the city. I've also been able to do things like see Hamilton with a great group of guys

from MAX. I'm always appreciative of the discounts available with my MAX membership when I'm looking at attending live theatre.

Lastly, being on the Board has given me a chance to get more deeply involved, work closely with others, and help shape and organize MAX's diverse range of great activities for its members. All that has given me a sense of home, acceptance, and comfort here in San Francisco.

To become a member of MAX, click [here](#).

MAX STORIES

In case you missed these MAX Stories in last week's newsletter, we're providing the links again below. Check out the pictures!

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- [Palm Springs Gay Pride Getaway, Plus Halloween and Priscilla](#)
 - [Inaugural Chairman's First Friday at Beaux](#)
 - [MAX Booth at the 2019 Castro Street Fair](#)

PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS

As a special benefit for MAX dues-paying members, several performing arts groups offer discounts for selected performances. If you are a MAX dues-paying member, read about these discount benefits [here](#).

Note: You must be logged in to the [MAX SF website](#) as a dues-paying member to access the MAX Discount webpage (click the little person icon in the upper right corner of the MAX SF website to login.) 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 concierge@maxsf.org.

Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- December 9th REAF ***Help Is On The Way For The Holidays*** benefit concert
- Smuin Ballet's December 13th performance of ***The Christmas Ballet***
- New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances, including the December 27th production ***Head Over Heels***
- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including weekday tickets to ***Hamilton***)

For any questions, please contact MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at wade.nicky@yahoo.com

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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