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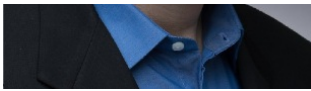
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR





MAX Online Events for April, New Communications Chair

In this period of social distancing, we're trying something new at MAX – we're organizing two virtual shared theatrical events! To participate, you'll watch a recording of a theatrical performance in your home and then we'll meet online to discuss the show. Read the details below under New This Week.

All other MAX events are canceled through the end of April. The one possible exception is the Smuin Ballet on April 25th. At this point, the Smuin Ballet has suspended ticket sales, but the performance has not been canceled. If the performance is canceled, those who have already purchased tickets will be notified by Smuin Ballet. Read more below under Upcoming Events.

On a final note, this is one of the last newsletters that I will be producing for MAX SF. My third and last year on the Board is coming to an end and Jim Cady will be taking over production of the newsletter as well as the position of MAX SF Communications Chair.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a member of the MAX SF Board of Directors and to meet so many of you, members of the MAX SF community. Thank you especially to the MAX dues-paying members who help make MAX possible.

While I will no longer be on the Board of Directors or publishing the MAX SF newsletter, I intend to stay active within the MAX community. I look forward to seeing many of you at MAX events in the future, online for now, and in-person once social distancing guidelines permit those events to resume.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Sincerely,
Paul Munro
MAX SF Communications Chair

NEW THIS WEEK

MAX Goes to the Theatre Online: *Kinky Boots* Tuesday April 7th at 7:00pm



During this time of social distancing, we're trying something new at MAX:

We're going to create a virtual shared theatrical experience!

For this first event, join co-champions Bruce Cecil and Michael Meehan online next Tuesday April 7th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm to discuss *Kinky Boots*

Tuesday April 14th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, to discuss *Kinky Boots*.

Kinky Boots is a Tony Award, Grammy Award, and Oliver Award-winning hit musical from pop icon Cyndi Lauper and legendary playwright Harvey Fierstein.

Kinky Boots tells the story of two men who could not follow in their father's footsteps: Charlie, a factory owner struggling to save his family shoe business, and Lola, a powerhouse drag performer whose stiletto heels keep breaking. With a little compassion and a lot of understanding, this unexpected pair learn to embrace their differences, build a friendship, and create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen!

Read the New York Times review of the Broadway production [here](#).

Kinky Boots is available online from [BroadwayHD](#). BroadwayHD offers a seven-day free trial, after which the charge is \$8.99/month.

Next Tuesday evening, Bruce will host an online meeting (a Zoom meeting) for a discussion of *Kinky Boots*. Joining a Zoom meeting is easy and free. We will just need your email address to send you the online meeting invitation. Follow the REGISTER link to read the details and register.

Get the details and Register

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MAX Goes to the Opera Online: The Exterminating Angel Tuesday April 21st at 7:00pm



For the second MAX virtual performing arts event, we're going to watch the New York Metropolitan Opera production of *The Exterminating Angel*.

Join co-champions Bruce Cecil and Michael Meehan online on Tuesday, April 21st, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, to discuss this performance.

The Exterminating Angel is a modern (2016) English-language opera by Thomas Adès.

The New York Times reviewer wrote in 2017 "If you see one opera this year, make it *The Exterminating Angel*. Read the New York Times review [here](#).

As the opera opens, a group of elegant socialites gather for a lavish dinner party, but when it is time to leave, no one is able to escape. As the days pass, their behavior becomes increasingly erratic and savage. The large ensemble cast tackles both the vocal and dramatic demands of Adès's score with one riveting performance after another. Tom Cairns directs an engrossing and inventive production, using a towering wooden archway to trap the characters onstage. Adès himself takes the podium to conduct the frenzied score.

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The Exterminating Angel is available online from [The Met Opera On Demand](#). The opera may be rented for \$4.99 or watched by signing up for an on-demand subscription. The Met Opera On Demand Subscription is offered with a free seven-day free trial, after which the charge is \$14.99/month.

On Tuesday April 21st, Bruce will host an online meeting (a Zoom meeting)

for a discussion of *The Exterminating Angel*. Joining a Zoom meeting is easy and free. We will just need your email address to send you the online meeting invitation. Follow the REGISTER link to read the details and register.

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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](#).**

[Canceled - Tosca: The Met Opera Live in HD in SF and Palm Springs](#)
Saturday April 11th at 9:30am

Note: The Metropolitan Opera has canceled the remainder of the 2019–2020 season.
[Smuin Ballet Dance Series 02](#) Saturday April 25th at 7:30pm

Smuin Ballet has suspended ticket sales for this performance. You can read the Smuin Ballet updates regarding the COVID-19 virus [here](#). Smuin Ballet will notify ticket holders of any change to this currently scheduled performance. The performance may be affected by the Monday March 30th [announcement](#) that the shelter-in-place orders will be extended at least through the end of April.

[SF Silent Film Festival Opening Night: Foolish Wives](#) November 11th at 7:00pm

MAX has negotiated a special discounted price of \$23 per person for the Opening Night of the [San Francisco Silent Film Festival](#) (SFSFF), featuring Erich von Stroheim's brilliant film *Foolish Wives*. Our MAX group also will plan to go out to dinner together before the film. Note: The film start time is tentative. *This event has been rescheduled from April 29th.*

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:

- Smuin Ballet's April 25th 7:30pm performance of *Dance Series 02*

- Grand Ballet's April 25th 7:30pm performance of *Dance Series 02*
- All New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances.
- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including discounted orchestra and mezzanine level tickets through May 31st 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 MAX SF's Programming Coordinator, Bruce Cecil, at bkcstargazer@hotmail.com

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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