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LETTER FROM THE MAX COO



MAX Is Affecting Positive Change for LGBTQ People in the Ukraine — And You Can Help, Too!

Several weeks ago, I had the good fortune to meet a young Ukrainian videographer — Yuriy Drizhov — who interviewed me regarding MAX for a documentary he is doing for Ukrainian TV.

The documentary will be focusing — in part — on what the US can teach the Ukraine about accepting LGBTQ people. He believes MAX is a terrific model for Ukrainian gay men who — when over 40 and single — often tend to socially isolate themselves. *This is a cultural norm.* He asked me to explain what MAX has done, starting at a time when gay men were isolating themselves during the AIDS crisis through today where we have evolved to a thriving social community. *He believes we can be role models that will empower our counterparts in the Ukraine to do something similar so they can enjoy better lives.*

It's humbling to think that, through this film, MAX's reach will be going far, far beyond SF.

But you can help even further. Yuri is doing a fundraiser on GoFundMe to help complete the documentary. I've already contributed and promoted it on Facebook... and the head of video software at Apple immediately offered to help him. I'd like to personally ask each of you — the MAX members — if you can also contribute to this cause. The link is below.

It is our common experience that could help affect positive change for gay men in the Ukraine. So please give what you can.

I mean — how many times do we get the chance to be role models? ;-)

To donate, visit <http://bit.ly/Yuriy-Documentary>

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENT



Announcing a MAX House for Palm Springs

My name is Mike Barsul, and I was recently elected to the Board of Directors of MAX. Since I live in both San Francisco and Palm Springs, it was concluded that I would be the logical person to head up a new MAX house in Palm Springs. I am excited to be leading this house since so many of our current MAX members, as well as friends, either live in Palm Springs, or have get-away homes there.

The Palm Springs MAX house is tentatively named House Cabana, an homage to the many pool parties that we have all gone to in Palm Springs. The house name will be finalized once the new house members meet and develop the identify for this newest MAX house!

So if you are a current MAX member who spends a lot of time at your home in Palm Springs, or know people who do and should become a MAX member, please contact me so we can build Cabana House together.

My email is mike@barsul.com and let's see what we can build together for yet more fun in the sun.

-Mike Barsul

MAX Houses: All MAX dues-paying members have been organized into groups of 20 to 50 other members called a "House". Houses are subgroups within MAX which come together on a periodic basis to get to know each other better as well as to plan and stage events for the larger MAX community. Each house is led by a House Master. Any dues-paying member can request to change houses at any time.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

April Third Thursday Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 p.m.



Join us this Thursday at Beaux Bar from 5:30pm to 8:00pm for MAX's "Third Thursday". Join a superb crowd of gay men and their friends for food, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano. Superb cocktails at happy hour prices! Appetizers provided!

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

RSVP on Meetup [here](#) for a fun time! Or if you prefer, RSVP on the website [here](#).

FEATURED EVENT

SPACE AVAILABLE! Ashland Spring Getaway - Memorial Day Weekend Friday through Monday, May 24th - 27th



UPDATE: A Single Room Has Become Available!

Join MAX for a four-day getaway to beautiful Ashland, Oregon, and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival over Memorial Day weekend. We will board our van on the morning of Friday, May 24th and begin a journey that includes theater, wineries, magnificent nature and small-town charm.

Our all-inclusive package includes sampling Oregon wines while watching the sunset over the Rogue Valley, an historic trolley ride through nearby the gold rush town of Jacksonville, Oregon and a half day trip to Deep Crater Lake National Park. We will return on Monday evening, with a lunch stop in the olive groves in Corning, CA.

We will attend three performances at the [Oregon Shakespeare Festival](#): the hilarious musical [Hairspray](#), a new play based on Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*, [Mother Road](#), and one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, [As You Like It](#). The package includes transportation, tickets, accommodations, and all local visits -- a \$900 value. Once again, we will have our own exclusive cottages at the Carlisle Garden Suites. You also have the option of seeing some of the other OSF productions and taking the backstage tour. Meals are not included, but very affordable.

This trip is being led by an experienced MAX event and trip organizer, Lorenzo Taylor, lorenzo_max@aol.com.

A Single Space Has Become Available

This trip is limited to 12 attendees. This event sold out last year and sold out again within two weeks this year!

However, one of the 12 who reserved a single room on this year's trip has had to cancel.

Cost Options:

- \$650 per person, single room

To Sign Up:

Send \$650 to Lorenzo Taylor by April 24, 2019.

- Pay by credit card at this link: paypal.me/MAX2OSF.
- [Contact Lorenzo directly to pay by check.](#)

For More Information:

Contact event host Lorenzo Taylor, Lorenzo_Max@aol.com

CLICK [HERE](#) TO RSVP

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAX SF Games Night Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m.



This month we're kicking off a *new* MAX event series, "MAX SF Games Nights".

Join MAX member Steven Lind for an evening of classic board games. The location is a short walk from the Montgomery BART station.

Space is limited to 12 MAX SF dues-paying members.

Read all the details and RSVP [here](#).

An Evening With the Smuin Ballet Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m.



Join MAX for an evening with the Smuin Ballet, San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company.

On the bill for this evening's performance is Dance Series 02, featuring The Best of Smuin and a world premiere from Amy Seiwert.

Join us for a Pre-Show VIP Reception for MAX SF beginning at 6:30pm. Show starts at 7:30pm.

A 20% off discount is being offered to members of the MAX community for this performance. With the discount code, prices range from \$27 to \$65.

Read [here](#) how to join us for this performance and pre-show VIP Reception.

April Fourth at Finn Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m.



Join us at [Finn Town](#) for our April **Fourth at Finn!** Enjoy a fun afternoon of conversation, cocktails and delicious appetizers thanks to the wonderful team at one of our favorite Castro hotspots.

MAX SF's Fourth at Finn events provide an opportunity to get to know other men in the MAX community in a friendly space.

Read the details and RSVP on Meetup [here](#) for a fun Sunday afternoon! Or if you prefer, RSVP on the website [here](#). There is no cover charge.

May TGIF Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.



Catch up with friends at our monthly signature event: **MAX TGIF.**

Join us on Friday, May 3rd, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for our monthly signature event, TGIF at the **Hyatt Embarcadero Eclipse Bar** (Atrium Lobby Level).

Our May TGIF promises to be a great way to celebrate spring, visit with old friends, make new friends, and unwind at the end of the week.

There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

MAX TGIFs attract anywhere from 100 to 200 men. With attendees running the gamut in age and interests,

it's definitely a diverse group. If you've never joined us before, this is the perfect opportunity to be introduced to some new people.

Read more and RSVP on Meetup [here](#), or if you prefer, RSVP on the website [here](#).

UPDATE! *MAX SF Movie Nights* (New Monthly Series) - Avengers: Endgame Saturday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.



UPDATE: AMC Metreon 6:30 PM Dolby Cinema

Reserved Seating – Tickets Are On Sale and Going Fast!

In May we're kicking off a *new* MAX monthly event series "MAX SF Movie Nights". Our first movie adventure will be [Avengers: Endgame](#) at the AMC Metreon. We will watch a screening at 6:30pm in the Dolby Cinema and then after the movie we will hang out at a nearby bar.

Meet at the AMC Metreon "lounge area" past the concessions between 6:00 - 6:10pm. Look for event champion Brad Dressler wearing a cap with MARVEL on it.

Read all the details for this event [here](#) and buy your ticket [here](#).

My Favorite Place: Foreign Cinema Sunday, May 5th at 5:30 p.m.



New MAX SF Board Member Bruce Cecil invites MAX members to join him for an evening of dining at one of his favorite places, the sensual and extraordinary restaurant, Foreign Cinema.

Since 1999, Foreign Cinema remains a magical destination for local, national and international visitors as one San Francisco's most enduring dining experiences. Foreign Cinema has been a *San Francisco Chronicle* "Top 100 Restaurant" for eighteen consecutive years. To view Foreign Cinema's menu, please click [here](#).

This event is for MAX dues-paying members only.

Reservations must be made in advance by registering for this event.

Read the details and reserve your space on the MAX SF website [here](#).

May Wooftop Wednesday: Everdene at the Virgin Hotel Wednesday May 8th at 5:30 p.m.



For the May Wooftop Wednesday, join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at [Everdene](#).

On May 8th, join Nick atop the new Virgin Hotel and enjoy the fun and casual atmosphere of Everdene and its breathtaking cityscape of San Francisco. Everdene's rooftop bar and restaurant has a cozy garden vibe with a variety of well-crafted drinks and culinary creations.

Read the details and RSVP on Meetup [here](#) or on the MAX website [here](#).

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Nick Wade, Program and Events Chair, MAX SF

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