



NEWSLETTER
Mid-December 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

MAX experienced a wonderful year filled with numerous memorable events that enabled us to gather and build a supportive community of friends. Our socializing has helped rekindle, strengthen and create friendships while coming together for interesting activities.

Kudos to the MAX board, volunteers and event hosts for their hard work to bring you many fun events. More exciting programming is in store for 2024!

Best wishes for the Holidays!

Jim Tom, Chairman

Upcoming Events

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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.

February - Chinese New Year dinner

February - BroadwaySF musical

February 29 - Leap Year event

May 9-13 - MAX Cruise: Round-Trip Cruise SF to Mexico

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)" or not getting redirected accordingly indicates link was corrupted. **Please go directly to the website at www.maxsf.org 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 **December 21st** 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!

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **January 5th** 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 Hot Johnnie's in the Castro

Thursday, January 11. 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Join MAX for a New Year's treat at Hot Johnnies, a Gourmet American Smokehouse specializing in slow cooked tender pastrami. Located at 4077 18th street off Castro Street, Hot Johnnie's will provide MAX with a private venue in a tented heated event space in the rear garden. For information on this restaurant, go to:

<https://www.hotjohnnies.com/>



Restaurant will provide an array of homemade specialties of your choosing including house made chips, wings, sliders, wontons, pizza and more. Vegan items also are available. Soft drinks will be included along with raffle tickets for gift cards and bottles of wine. MAX will provide complimentary wine for the dinner.

Space is limited to 35. Member price is \$25; guest price is \$32. No cancellation refunds after January 8. A waitlist will be available for cancellations if needed. Register at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5512299>

For questions, contact your host, Jerry Tusan, at jerry.tusan@maxsf.org.

Queen Rock Montreal IMAX Concert Film

Sunday, January 21. 6pm - 8pm (optional 4pm dinner). Join MAX for a newly remastered IMAX concert film of the rock group Queen. This film, featuring the iconic Freddie Mercury, shows Queen performing in Montreal at the height of their fame in 1981. The film has been digitally re-mastered for the first time into the image and sound quality of The IMAX Experience, including 12-channel surround sound, crystal-clear images, and IMAX's customized theatre geometry.



This remastered film of Queen's exhilarating 1981 live concert gives audiences a larger-than-life, front-row immersive experience. This film captures a pivotal moment in the band's history. When Queen returned for the fourth time to Montreal's 18,000-seat Forum in November 1981, it was after a 15-month absence during which they became the biggest band in the world. Read more about the movie [here](#) and [here](#).

MAX will be watching an early evening, 6pm, showing. The film is 95 minutes long. With previews, we should be out by 8pm or shortly thereafter.

We'll meet upstairs in the concession lobby of the AMC Theatre on the 3rd floor of the Metreon by 5:40 PM to give everyone time to get any refreshments and get settled before the 6:00 PM showing (which likely will start with about 20 minutes, or so, of previews).

We have reserved a block of 10 tickets. We'll be sitting in seats G12 – G16 and H12 – H16. You may view the seating chart for this performance [here](#). The cost for the pre-purchased tickets to watch the concert film is \$28. Register at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5530233>

The deadline to register and reserve a ticket is Thursday, January 18th. To cancel a pre-purchased ticket, email event co-champion Paul Munro at paul.munro@maxsf.org with Queen in the subject line. Sorry, no refunds after Thursday, January 18th.

Optional Pre-show Dinner - For those interested, join us at 4pm at the nearby Delarosa Downtown restaurant for an early [dinner](#) beforehand (deposit required). Delarosa is a short 5-minute walk from the theater. Pay your deposit to RSVP for the pre-show dinner [here](#).

For any questions, contact event champion Paul Munro at paul.munro@maxsf.org with Queen in the subject line.

Hiller Aviation Museum

Sunday, January 28. 10:30am - Join MAX for a visit to the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos that houses a large collection of eclectic aircraft collected by Stanley Hiller of Hiller Aircraft Company. You will see a collection of unique early aircraft, one-of-a-kind prototypes, cutting-edge test vehicles, and others. You will get an excellent glimpse into the history of aviation development, particularly in the Bay Area, which possessed the talent, science, vision, and capital resources needed to develop science and aviation in the 21st Century. We will follow this with an optional lunch at nearby San Carlos restaurant. For information on the museum, go to <https://www.hiller.org/>

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Additional details will follow soon!



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Tuba Restaurant - Thirty-five (35) members and guests gathered on December 7 for a wine Happy Hour followed by a delicious Turkish/Mediterranean meal. The restaurant closed to accommodate a private sold-out event for MAX. The lavish appetizer spread, "mezze", was followed by a choice of six fabulous entrees, and then dessert. Attendees rated this festive event as excellent. Kudos and a big thank you to Jerry Tusan for bringing wine for everyone, and to Elie A. for getting this set up with the owner.





[*San Francisco Conservatory of Music*](#) - A group of 10 MAXers attended a delightful concert on Saturday December 9. We heard the music of Rossini and Beethoven's Symphony #3 in e-flat major, plus a recent piece by Mary Kouyoumdjian called "Walking with Ghosts". The concert was free and was one of many musical events that SFCM offers every month, mostly for free and open to everyone.



Holiday Champagne and Wine Social - The mid-December holiday event at Robert Beadle's Nob Hill home was exceptional. There were 35 handsome men, most in Holiday attire, blinking lights and santa hats. The celebration included a hosted bar consisting of an array of white wines and champagne/sparkling wines from around the world. Guests feasted on plenty of gourmet foods, such as fresh shrimp, specialty sandwiches, hot meatballs, holiday desserts and much more. Our host Robert provided live entertainment with a local singer and keyboardist who led us in holiday song and cheers. For additional photos, go to the MAX photo archives at: <https://maxsf.org/sys/website/?pageId=18166>



