



NEWSLETTER
December 2022

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We are approaching the holidays and have some festive events coming up. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chairman's letter

Please remember to log in using your current registered email address. Otherwise, logging in with a different email would create another user account, which could create confusion. The User Profile link on the Home page enables you to add a photo or update your profile, including changing your email or address.

Newsletters typically are emailed twice monthly to dues-paying members around the middle and the end of the month . Please check SPAM if you did not receive a newsletter. The calendar in the MAX website (www.maxsf.org) also lists the events published in the newsletter, and more. Newsletters are archived in the website.

Dues-paying members enjoy discounts to the theater and shows that include the New Conservatory Theater, BroadwaySF and Smuin Ballet. The Membership page showing the available discounts is visible only to members.

Some members sometimes have difficulty with the hyperlink or paying for events. You always can go directly to the website to view or register for an event. Please consider trying a different browser when payment fails.

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.

January 28, 2023 - Chinese New Year Banquet

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REAF Benefit-Cabaret Show: Love's in Need of Love Today

Monday, November 28, 7:30 - 9:30pm. Cast members from the Broadway touring cast of "Ain't Too Proud" present a special cabaret production, "Love's in Need of Love Today" featuring Motown, holiday and more music at the Strand Theater at 1127 Market Street, San Francisco. Jazz icon Paula West will be a special guest for this special benefit cabaret show.

The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation (REAF) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) that supports HIV programs, food for the needy and supports homeless and disenfranchised youth. Event will benefit Brodaway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. This is a **vaccinated only** event and vaccination records will be checked at the door. The theater also requires everyone to remain masked if not actively eating and drinking. Please refer to the REAF website for program and ticket details at: <https://www.reaf-sf.org/one-night-only-with--ain-t-too-proud-.html>

You must purchase tickets directly through REAF, and not with MAX. For a discount, type "MAXer" as the promo code. MAX gets a 20 percent discount on tickets levels at \$45 (Mezzanine) and \$69 (Reserved Orchestra). Additional price tiers are available for an after-party. After you have purchased tickets, please RSVP with MAX at <https://maxsf.org/event-5041496> to let us know you'll be joining us. For additional information, contact Jerry Tusan at jerry.tusan@maxsf.org.

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **December 2th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

Holiday Gift Exchange

Sunday, December 4, 4pm to 8pm. Join Santa and his Elves to kick off the Holidays with plenty of good cheer, libations and heavy appetizers at the North Pole of Diamond Heights, in San Francisco. The festivities begin at 4pm and the "white elephant" gift exchange starts at 5:30pm. To participate, please bring a wrapped gift of something you wish to re-gift. It could be an unused item in the closet, a previous gift or something unique. Please make sure the value is under \$15 and is fairly new. We will draw numbers so the gifts exchange will be anonymous.

Please enjoy and drink the egnog responsibly. Due to space limitations at the North Pole, we must limit capacity to 15 people. Cost for the event is \$20 for

North Pole, we must limit capacity to 15 people. Cost for the event is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5007042> Sorry, no refunds.

Address on Diamond Heights Boulevard in San Francisco will be provided after registration. For more information, contact event champion, Jerry Tusan at Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org.

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **December 15th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

Smuin Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night

Tuesday, December 20. 7:30pm - 9:30pm for show - Join MAX for Smuin Ballet's annual *Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night* to benefit Project Open Hand. Smuin Ballet's fiercely festive 2022 edition of *The Christmas Ballet* returns – showcasing Smuin's exquisite signature style in a dazzling program of ballet, contemporary, character, Broadway jazz, and tap in two acts. For the one-night-only LGBTQ+ Night, Smuin Ballet has created special programming and casting that celebrates our vibrant LGBTQ+ community!



Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members for this performance. Buy your tickets at: <https://tickets.smuinballet.org>
Purchasing tickets sooner than later will enable better seat selection.

5:30pm - 7:00pm for optional pre-show dinner - Those interested also may sign-up to join event champion Paul Munro for dinner at Amber India before the performance.

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance. Go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5025693> to RSVP and to read the details, including how to get the discount, and how to reserve a space to join Paul for dinner before the show. For more information, contact Paul at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org

Holiday Cheers Social - Sold Out - Wait list available

Thursday, December 22, 5:30pm to 8:00pm Join event champions, Jim Tom and Elie Abijaoude, to celebrate the holidays with friends in a San Francisco condominium having wonderful city views. Make it festive by wearing something red or spirited! Wine and ample hors d'oeuvres will be served, as well as a holiday special drink. We also will have cake for those born around Christmas who might have felt neglected if their birthdays and presents were lumped with the Christmas celebration!



Cost is \$22 for members and \$30 for non-members. Space is limited to 22 people, so dues-paying members will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened only to dues-paying members and their guest. A wait list is available for cancellations. If registered guests cannot make it, please cancel so others may go. No Refunds after December 14. Enjoy and please drink responsibly.

To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5007380>

Location at 66 Cleary Court is on Cathedral Hill adjacent to the Saint Mary Cathedral. Unit number will be emailed to registrants before the event date. For more information, contact Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Broadway SF: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - Aretha Franklin

Saturday, January 7. 8:00 pm for Show. Please join us at the Golden Gate Theater for *R.E.S.P.E.C.T.*, an electrifying tribute celebrating the music of the legendary Aretha Franklin. This concert experience takes audiences on a journey of love, tragedy, courage, and triumph. Starring a live band and supreme vocalists, come experience a night of music by one of the greatest artists of all time.



The concert features all your favorite hits in one evening, including "Natural Woman," "Think," "I Knew You Were Waiting for Me," "Chain of Fools," "Respect," and many more. You'll be out of your seat and dancing in the aisles as you lose yourself in the music that inspired a generation.

MAX has secured 10 tickets in three seating clusters at two price points for the \$76 and \$96 seats Orchestra. Discounted prices are \$67 and \$87 for MAX and include additional cost of \$11/ticket for booking fee plus a service fee. Registration initially will be opened only to dues-paying members. A wait list is available should someone cancel. To reserve and pay for the show, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5041285> This event will sell out quickly. No refunds will be allowed after December 22.

Others also can purchase their own tickets at various price points directly through BroadwaySF and enter the discount code. For more details on the discount, go to [MAX - Member Discounts \(maxsf.org\)](#). This page is visible only to dues-paying members.

Join us for the show and/or pre-show dinner (see below). For additional information, contact Robert Malloy, the event champion, at robert.malloy@maxsf.org.

Optional Pre-show Dinner: 6:00pm-7:30pm - A pre-show dinner is tentatively planned beforehand at Burma Love at 8 Mint Plaza. Restaurant is approximately 1.5 blocks from the theater. If you wish to join us for dinner, please pay \$20 to reserve your spot. This helps us arrange the correct number of seats at the restaurant. Feel free to join us for dinner even if you purchased tickets independently of MAX. Limit is 12 people. At the restaurant, we will return the \$20 to you in cash. A waitlist is available should someone cancel. To reserve a spot for the dinner, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5041523>

Deadline for the dinner reservation is December 28 - No refunds will be allowed after December 28. For additional information, contact Robert at robert.malloy@maxsf.org.

Forum: Living Trusts / Estate Plan

Tuesday, January 10. 6:00pm - 7:30pm. It's The New Year. Did You Make A Resolution To Do An Estate Plan? Come find out why you might need an estate plan and why estate planning is particularly important for the LGBTQ community. Estate Planning attorney Edward Joy will walk us through some real-life examples to show us who needs an estate plan and why. He will discuss who is a good candidate for do-it-yourself estate planning and who is not. There will be plenty of time to answer your questions. Duration is about an hour.

Edward Joy has his own law practice specializing in estate planning, probate, and trust administration in the San Francisco Bay Area. He received a J.D. from Harvard Law School and has been selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer, an award reserved for the top 5% of all attorneys in Northern California, for the last seven years in a row. He is a former Board Member of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, the United States' oldest and largest bar association of LGBTQ attorneys.

Event is free, but registration and a payment of \$20 are required to reserve your spot. At the site, we will return the \$20 to you in cash only if you attend.

To reserve a spot, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5044782>. Event is limited to 15 people, so dues-paying members will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened only to dues-paying members and their guest. A waitlist will be available should someone cancel. If registered guests cannot attend, please cancel or notified us so others could go. No refunds after January 3. Wine and light snacks will be provided.

The event will be in a San Francisco home in Bernal Heights. Location will be provided after registration before event date. For more information, contact event organizer, Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Recap of Recent Events

Camron-Stanford House Tour - MAX enjoyed a private guided tour of the historic house on Lake Merritt, which was followed by a lunch on the verandah overlooking the lake. Afterward, some folks also visited the nearby Oakland Museum of California where MAX member, Joel Barish, guided them through the California art collection.



Member Appreciation Day - Almost 70 people enjoy a fun afternoon socializing and meeting other MAX members at the home of John Newmeyer.





Project Open Hand - Eleven volunteers worked in a large industrial kitchen, chopping vegetables, cutting chicken and assembling cooked entrees and side dishes onto meal-sized trays for distribution. Afterward, most went to lunch and socialized at La Cocina Marketplace.

