



NEWSLETTER
Mid-December 2022

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

Happy holidays! We hope you are keeping warm and enjoying the holidays. We hope to see you soon at an event!

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.

Bowling

Scotch Tasting

Brunch at Thai Temple

Walk and lunch in Berkeley

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

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 - Sold Out

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.

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **January 6th** 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!

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

Chinese New Year Banquet

Saturday, January 28. 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Celebrate Chinese New Year with MAX at one of San Francisco's most authentic Chinese restaurants, Hong Kong Lounge. Join event champion, Jim Tom, to welcome the Year of the Water Rabbit. The Chinese zodiac considers the rabbit to be the luckiest of the twelve animals. Famous figures born in the Year of the Rabbit include Albert Einstein, Frank Sinatra and Brad Pitt.



Our 10-course meal is a menu that features some traditional dishes specifically served at the New Year. Menu includes appetizer platter, crab meat w/fish maw soup, dried oyster & dried scallop with hair moss, abalone w/mushrooms, special steamed chicken, prawns over rice noodle, pan fried sea bass, mango pudding, and more.

Cost is \$76 for members and \$86 for non-members, including all tips and taxes. This price includes wine provided by MAX. No refunds for cancellations after January 20th. Space is limited to 18 people, so dues-paying members and their guests will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened for the first 10 days only to dues-paying members and a guest. A waitlist will be available for cancellations or a possible third table. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5079605> For more information, contact Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Hong Kong Lounge is located at 5322 Geary Boulevard (Btwn 17th & 18th Ave) in the Richmond District. Reasonable garage parking is available at the Geary Mall Garage (Walgreen's & Ross building) located one-block away. Garage entrance is on 16th Avenue, about 75 feet north of the northwest corner of Geary and 16th Ave.
