



NEWSLETTER
Mid-November 2022

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some fun year-end events coming up for the holidays and look forward to seeing you there. Consider celebrating your own good fortune by volunteering at Project Open Hand for those less fortunate.

Upcoming Events

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Other Scheduled Events

Other scheduled events include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux. Additional information is being added on the website.

January 7, 2023 - BroadwaySF - R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - Aretha Franklin Tribute

January 10, 2023 - Forum: Living Trusts and Estate Planning

January 28, 2023 - Chinese New Year Banquet

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **November 17th** 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!

New Conservatory Theater - A Picture of Two Boys

Saturday, November 19. 6 pm for optional dinner / 8 pm for show. Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see "A Picture of Two Boys" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness, just off Market Street in San Francisco. This is a world premiere play by Nick Malakhov. In it, two friends want to escape their mostly white, not-so-secretly racist town in rural Pennsylvania. One dreams of college and big cities, while the other just wants to be next to Kurt Cobain.



MAX has secured 10 tickets, all together in a group, in premier seating. Tickets are \$45 for MAX members and \$50 for non-MAX members (this discounted price includes all service fees). A wait list will be available for possible additional discounted tickets. To reserve and pay for the show, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4915206>. Deadline to register is Nov. 6. No refunds will be allowed after Nov. 6.

Optional Pre-show Dinner (Sold Out): We also will meet at 6:00pm for dinner and drinks beforehand at Max's Opera Cafe (601 Van Ness at Opera Plaza). If you wish to join us for dinner, please pay \$10 to reserve your spot. This helps us arrange the correct number of seats at the restaurant. At the restaurant, we will return the \$10 to you in cash, and everyone will pay individually for what they choose to eat or drink. To pay to reserve a spot for the dinner, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4975148> Deadline for the dinner reservation is Nov 16, and no refunds will be allowed after Nov. 16.

For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Volunteer for Project Open Hand

Monday, November 21, 9:00 am to 12 pm. Join MAX in volunteering at Project

Open Hand, a non-profit social services organization that initially prepared meals for people with HIV/AIDS. It has expanded to feed seniors and people fighting cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other serious illnesses. For more information, go to: <http://www.openhand.org/>

Project Open Hand relies on volunteers to fulfill its mission. Mondays is the one day of the week designated for groups. MAX volunteers will work together on tasks such as packaging and sorting bulk items into individual portions, culling produce, stocking perishable items, and assembling grocery bags for Project Open Hand clients.

The group size is limited to 20 people. Go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4896457> to register for this event with MAX. Volunteers will complete the individual registration process later with Open Hand. Location is 730 Polk Street at Ellis Street.

After our shift, we will go for an optional lunch at the nearby La Cocina Municipal Marketplace that opened in 2021 as the nation's first women-led food hall. Contact event organizer, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org for more information.

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 of \$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 eggnog responsibly. Due to space limitations at the 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.

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

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 and their guests will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened only to dues-paying members.

To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5007380> No Refunds after December 14. Please enjoy and drink responsibly.

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
