



**NEWSLETTER**  
**November 2023**

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Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some exciting social and cultural events scheduled for the next two months. We hope to see you at one of these events soon!

The newsletter goes out twice a month, typically at the end or beginning of the month and around mid-month. Check your spam if you did not receive a newsletter. All events in the newsletter also are posted on the website.

Please be aware that members whose renewals are past due over a month will soon stop receiving the newsletters and other benefits of membership. Go to [www.maxsf.org](http://www.maxsf.org) to renew or contact [concierge@maxsf.org](mailto:concierge@maxsf.org) with any questions.

Jim Tom, Chairman

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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.

November/December - Conservatory of Music

February - Chinese New Year dinner

**Note:** All upcoming events also can be seen on the MAX website/calendar at [www.maxsf.org](http://www.maxsf.org). Clicking on a newsletter link herein and then seeing "Page not found (error 404)" indicates link was corrupted. **Please go directly to the website at [www.maxsf.org](http://www.maxsf.org) to**

*register if the hyperlinks herein do not work.*

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**Lunch at the University Club**

**Wednesday, November 1. 12:00-2:30pm** - Join MAX for lunch with the *Gentlemen's Luncheon Group* at the University Club in San Francisco. Your hosts, Ken Cleaveland and Chris Meza, are members of both groups. Located at 800 Powell Street in Nob Hill, the University Club is a historic gathering place for cultural and intellectual life, a place where a diverse membership can enjoy the fellowship of a private club. A sports coat/suit or smart casual is suggested.



Folks convene at noon for about a half-hour of socializing / cocktails at the No Host bar before being seated around 12:30 pm.

Cost is \$55 for a three-course meal, consisting of salad, entree, dessert and coffee plus red & white wine for the table. Cost includes tax and tip. You must register directly with Chris Mesa at [cmeza@me.com](mailto:cmeza@me.com) to be put on the list and pre-select your entree. For further information, contact Chris or Jim Tom at [jim.tom@maxsf.org](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org).

Secondarily, please also register on the following MAX link, so we know who from MAX is attending and keep attendees updated if needed. Register at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5289359>

### **First Friday at Beaux**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **November 3rd** 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!

### **New Conservatory Theater: "we are continuous"**

**Saturday, November 11. 7:30-10:00pm (show) / 5:45pm (optional dinner)**

Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see the West Coast premier of "we are continuous" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness Ave., just off Market Street in San Francisco. MAX has secured 10 tickets, all together in a group, in premier seating. Tickets are \$42 for MAX members and \$48 for non-MAX members (this price includes all service fees, and is 25% off the regular price if you are a MAX member). A wait list will be available for possible additional discounted tickets.

To register for the **show**, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5417611>



The play, by Harrison David Rivers, is semi-autobiographical. It explores how people can change and how love can evolve. In the play, Simon's mother was his best friend and biggest supporter, before he came out. But now there's an ocean between them of what can't be said, especially around his father, and a life-changing secret comes to light, which threatens the family. Here is the link to read more: <https://nctcsf.org/event/we-are-continuous/>

**Optional Pre-show Dinner:** We will meet at about 5:45 to 6 pm for dinner at Cadillac Bar and Grill, 44 Ninth St. located about 3 blocks away from the theater. Come a little bit earlier (about 5:15 to 5:45 pm) for cocktails at the bar before dinner. Reserve your spot with a refundable \$10 deposit, which helps us arrange the correct number of seats. 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. **IMPORTANT** - Bring cash to pay for dinner, instead of paying using a credit card. To register for **dinner**, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5417602>

Deadline to register and pay for **both** the show and the optional pre-show dinner is Nov. 1. No refunds will be allowed after that date. For additional information, contact Bruce at [bruce.cecil@maxsf.org](mailto:bruce.cecil@maxsf.org).

### **Third Thursday at Beaux**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **November 16th** 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!

### **Life and Times of Malcolm X - NY Met Opera Live Simulcast in HD**

**Saturday, November 18. 9:30am -1pm (opera) / Optional lunch afterward**

Join MAX to watch The Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* theater broadcast of "**X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X**", at the AMC Metreon (at 4th Street and Mission Street). The opera will be simulcast live from the New York Lincoln Center, starting at 9:55 AM.



The opera sketches an outline of the short but eventful life of Malcolm X. The opera's narrative sketches the galvanic life and career of the controversial activist in a series of fast-moving vignettes which trace his trajectory from hate to love. A groundbreaking and influential opera, with a score by composer Anthony Davis and a libretto by playwright Thulani Davis, *X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X* first premiered in 1986 at the New York City Opera. This production features a newly revised, layered, jazz-inflected score and a potent new staging that imagines Malcolm as an Everyman whose story transcends time and space. Read more about the opera [here](#).

We'll meet upstairs in the concession lobby of the AMC Theatre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Metreon by 9:30 AM to give everyone time to get any refreshments and get settled before the show begins at 9:55 AM. The opera will run three hours and twenty-five minutes with two intermissions.

We have reserved a block of 14 tickets. We'll be sitting in seats D5 – D10 and E4 – E11. You may view the seating chart for this performance [here](#). The cost for the pre-purchased tickets to watch the opera is \$29. The deadline to register and reserve a ticket is Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, no refunds after Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. To register and purchase these pre-purchased tickets, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5454088>

To cancel a pre-purchased ticket or if you have any questions, email event co-champion Paul Munro at [paul.munro@members.maxsf.org](mailto:paul.munro@members.maxsf.org) with MalcolmX in the subject line.

**Optional Lunch** - After the opera, those interested can join us at the nearby Delarosa Downtown restaurant for [lunch](#) (deposit required). Delarosa is a short 7-minute walk from the theater. If you're interested in joining us for lunch after the opera, read the details, RSVP, and pay your deposit for the post-opera lunch [here](#).

### **Dine About at Tuba Restaurant**

**Thursday, December 7. 6pm-8pm.** Come have dinner with us at a Turkish/Mediterranean restaurant located on Guerrero off 22nd St. The food is wonderful at this neighborhood place! Details for this event are not finalized but will be updated in the next newsletter. This event likely will be popular, so look to reserve a spot when registration opens in a few weeks! Information for the restaurant be found at <https://www.tubarestaurantsf.com/>

### **Holiday Champagne and Wine Social**

**Friday, December 15. 6pm -9pm.** Join MAX to welcome the holidays with an elegant evening of champagne, fine wines, heavy appetizers and friends. The

elegant evening of champagne, fine wines, heavy appetizers and menus. The event will be held on Friday, December 15th from 6 to 9 pm at an upscale residence in Nob Hill with views of the bay and Grace Cathedral.



Cost is \$30 a person for members and \$36 for non-members. Holiday attire is encouraged. Space is strictly limited to 35 people. Dues-paying MAX members will have early priority to purchase tickets relative to non-members. No cancellation refunds after December 10. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. To register go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5470460>

Address will be provided approximately one week prior to the event. For further information, contact Jerry Tusan at [Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org](mailto:Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org)

### **Smuin's The Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+ Night**

**Tuesday, December 19. 7:30pm -9:30 (ballet) / 5:30pm (Optional dinner)**

Join MAX for ***Smuin's The Christmas Ballet LGBTQ+***

***Night*** performance. Smuin Ballet's fiercely festive 2023 edition of their annual *Smuin's 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. The performance is divided into a classical first half and a fun and jazzy second half featuring red-hot contemporary dances set to pop favorites. For more information about [Smuin Ballet](#), San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company, click [here](#).

Smuin Ballet also will be offering an **optional afterparty** on the LGBTQ+ Night. More information on how to purchase tickets to the afterparty will be provided later to those who register with MAX for this event.

**Tickets are on Sale - Reserve Your Seats Today!** MAX dues-paying members will get a **20% discount** for Gold, Silver, and Bronze seating sections (all seating options except Platinum seats). Read how to get the discount code [here](#).

Note: You must log in to the MAX SF website as a dues-paying member to access this link. If you forgot your password, click [here](#). If you are a dues-paying member and have forgotten which email account you used for your membership, email [concierge@maxsf.org](mailto:concierge@maxsf.org). **Alternatively, if you are a dues-paying member, you can email the event champion Paul Munro at [paul.munro@members.maxsf.org](mailto:paul.munro@members.maxsf.org) for the discount code.**

To purchase your tickets from Smuin, click [here](#). More instructions to purchase are detailed on the MAX website at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5453118>

*After you have purchased tickets, please click REGISTER to RSVP and let us know you'll be joining us for this performance. We will let those who RSVP know how to purchase tickets to the afterparty once those tickets become available.*

For any questions, please contact the event champion, Paul Munro, at [paul.munro@members.maxsf.org](mailto:paul.munro@members.maxsf.org).

**Optional pre-ballet dinner** - For those interested, also join us for a [pre-performance dinner](#) at Amber India. For those interested, join Paul Munro before the show at Amber India, a five-minute walk from the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Read the details and reserve your space for this pre-performance dinner [here](#).