



**NEWSLETTER**  
**December 2023**

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Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have many events scheduled for December to enliven your holidays. We hope to see you at one of these events!

Best wishes for the Holidays!

Jim Tom, Chairman

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### **Upcoming Events**

[December 1 - First Friday at Beaux](#)

[December 3 - Toys for Tots](#)

[December 7 - Dinner at Tuba - \*almost sold out\*](#)

[December 9 - SF Conservatory of Music Orchestra in Concert](#)

[December 15 - Holiday Champagne and Wine Social - \*Wait list only\*](#)

[December 19 - Smuin Ballet \(LGBTQ+ Night\) and optional dinner](#)

[December 21 - Third Thursday at Beaux](#)

### **Other Planned Events**

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux.

January - Dine-about in restaurant

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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### **Recap of Recent Events**

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## First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **December 1st** 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!

## Toys for Tots

**Sunday, December 3. 4pm-7pm.** Join this year's Toys for Tots at The Westin St. Francis Hotel on Union Square in San Francisco. Admission is THREE or more unwrapped new toys to be donated to be donated to families in need in the City and County of San Francisco who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift this holiday. No host cash bar. Smart Attire. Space is limited - please [RSVP at: ToysForTots.SF@gmail.com](mailto:ToysForTots.SF@gmail.com). Secondly, after RSVPing, please also register with MAX at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5505141>



2023 Toys for Tots Host Committee

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INVITE YOU TO

# Toys FOR Tots

A Party to Brighten the Holidays for Underprivileged Children In San Francisco

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
4pm – 7pm

The Westin St. Francis  
335 POWELL STREET, UNION SQUARE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
San Francisco Firefighters Union  
Local 798 Toy Program

EVENT MANAGEMENT BY:  
Suzy Drell Creative Design

VENUE SPONSOR:  
The Westin St. Francis

EVENT VOLUNTEERS  
GayforGood.org

PRODUCED BY:  
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Space is limited; RSVP to [ToysForTots.SF@gmail.com](mailto:ToysForTots.SF@gmail.com)  
Admission is THREE (3) or more unwrapped new toys to be donated to families in need in the City & County of San Francisco who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift this holiday. SMART ATTIRE. Cash bar.

## **Dinner at Tuba**

**Thursday, December 7. 5:30/6:30pm-8pm.** Please join us at [Tuba Restaurant](#) for an evening of excellent Turkish/Mediterranean cuisine. We will start with a Happy Hour at 5:30pm and will sit down for dinner at 6:30pm. Tuba is located at 1007 Guerrero Street, off 22nd Street. Information for the restaurant be found at: <https://www.tubarestaurantsf.com>



Dinner will start with a variety of Turkish appetizers, "mezze". Then you can choose from the restaurant's extensive menu of entrees. We will follow that with a Turkish dessert and special tea. By the way, our trusted MAX restaurant reviewers gave this place high ratings. The \$55 member price is all-inclusive of food, wine, tax, and tip. Price is \$60 for non-members. MAX will provide complimentary wine for Happy Hour and dinner.

To register go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5490493>

Space is limited! No refunds for cancellations after Tuesday, December 5. [If the event is full, add your name to the waitlist and Stephen will contact the restaurant to see if additional diners can be added.](#) For more information, contact Stephen Geisheker at [stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org](mailto:stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org)

## **San Francisco Conservatory of Music Orchestra in Concert**

**Saturday, December 9. 7:30pm-9:30pm.** Please join MAX for a splendid concert presented by the SF Conservatory of Music Orchestra on December 9 at 7:30pm. The concert will be held at the Caroline H. Hume Concert Hall, 50 Oak Street, off Van Ness. The link for this concert is: <https://sfcmm.edu/experience/performances/sfcm-orchestra-vinay-parameswaran>



**Vinay Parameswaran** will conduct the SFCM Orchestra performing this wonderful music:

**Gioachino Rossini: Overture to *Semiramide***

**Mary Kouyoumdjian: *Walking With Ghosts***

**Ludwig van Beethoven: *Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 55 "Eroica"***

I. Allegro con brio

II. Marcia funebre. Adagio assai

III. Scherzo. Allegro vivace

IV. Finale. Allegro molto

To register go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5493270>

The concert is free, but advance tickets are required and will be provided to those who register with MAX. Please register by December 7. We have enough tickets for 20 people, but additional tickets may be available directly from SFCM. If you must cancel, please notify the organizer out of courtesy and enable others to go if tickets are not available.

After the concert we will have the opportunity to share a drink or a dessert at one of the nearby places in Hayes Valley (TBD).

For questions, please contact Stephen Geisheker at [stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org](mailto:stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org)

**Holiday Champagne and Wine Social** - *Wait list only*

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



SMUIN'S  
THE CHRISTMAS  
BAILET



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](#).

***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](#).

**Optional Smuin Ballet's Afterparty** - Join Lady Camden at the Afterparty, hosted by the Imperial Council of San Francisco. There will be a bar sponsored by Casa San Matias Tequila, a number of queer performances, a full DJ set, dancing, and celebration. The Afterparty starts at 9:30 pm immediately following the show in the Grand Lobby of the YBCA. Tickets are \$30 per person, to celebrate Smuin Contemporary Ballet's 30th Anniversary, and they include a signature cocktail! For more information, click [here](#).

To purchase your ticket to the Afterparty, click [here](#).

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