

NEWSLETTER Mid-June 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have many exciting events coming up and many planned on the calendar. Hope to see you at a future event!

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Upcoming Events

June 30 - Social with Wines of the World

July 7 - First Friday at Beaux

<u>July 11 - Volunteer at Project Open Hand</u>

July 16 - Docent tour of the Anderson Collection & Cantor Museum at Stanford

<u>July 16 - REAF-Broadway & Beyond-Les Misérables</u>

July 23 - Chocolate and Wine Pairing

August 6 - Afternoon Garden BBQ in San Francisco

<u>August 25 - BroadwaySF - Tina: The Tina Turner Musical</u>

Other Planned Events

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

August 27 - Rosie the Riveter Museum with waterfront walk and lunch

September 6 - Meal at University Club w/First Wednesday Men's Group

September 14 - Guided Tour of the Civic Center

September - Angel Island hike and/or tour

October 1 - Lunch/Brunch at a Castro home for the Castro Street Fair

October - Guided Tour of the Nike Missile Site w/Optional lunch

October 28 - Halloween Drag Party!

Note: All upcoming events also can be seen on the MAX website/calendar at 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 to register if the hyperlinks herein do not work.

Social with Wines of the World

Friday, June 30, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Have you ever tried wines from Slovenia, South Africa, Canada or Cigales? This is your chance! Join MAX for this fun social as wine expert Jerry will provide a selection of wines from around the world. Please enjoy responsibly. Evening includes heavy appetizers as well as non-alcohol beverages for you to enjoy. The setting will be a beautiful home in the upper Castro area. Address given upon registration.

Price will be \$30 for MAX members and \$40 for non dues-paying members. We must limit capacity to the first 20 people, but a waitlist is available for cancellations. Sorry, no refunds after June 23. To register, click on the following: https://maxsf.org/event-5299066

For additional information, contact jerry at: jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **July 7th** 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!

Volunteer at Project Open Hand

Tuesday, July 11, 9:00am - 12:00pm. Join MAX in volunteering at Project Open Hand, a non-profit social services organization borne during the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s to prepare meals for those with AIDS suffering from malnutrition. The organization continues to serve people with HIV/AIDS and has expanded to feed seniors and people fighting cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other serious illnesses. Location is 730 Polk Street at Ellis Street in San Francisco. For more information on Project Open Hand, go to: http://www.openhand.org/

Project Open Hand relies on volunteers to fulfill its mission. 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 15 people. To register for this event with MAX, go to: https://maxsf.org/event-5289365

Volunteers will complete the individual registration process later with Open Hand if they previously have not already filled out the form.

After our shift, we can go for an optional lunch at the nearby Chao Pescao restaurant that is within walking distance. This casual restaurant offers comforting Latin American food with particular emphasis on the Cuban and Colombian home-cooking from the owner's childhood. Additional information for Chao Pescao can be found at: https://www.chaopescaosf.com/about/For more information, contact event organizer, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org

<u>Docent tour of the Anderson Collection & Cantor Museum at Stanford</u> <u>Sunday, July 16, 10:45am - 1:30pm (excluding optional lunch)</u> MAX has arranged a guided docent tour of two celebrated museums, the Anderson Collection and the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University in Palo Alto. Museums are located one block apart and about 36 miles south of San Francisco.

Anderson Collection contains an outstanding private assembly of modern and contemporary American art. The collection is anchored in the work of Abstract Expressionists like Jackson Pollock and extends to contemporary painters such as Terry Winters, Sean Scully and Julie Mehretu. For more information, go to: https://anderson.stanford.edu/





The Cantor's collection spans 5,000 years and includes more than 38,000 works of art from around the globe. It features 24 galleries and numerous special exhibitions. Current exhibits include *The Faces of Ruth Asawa; Printing Protest; Reality Makes Them Dream: American Photography 1929-1941, and; Richard Diebenkorn's paintings and sketchbooks.* The museum also features the Rodin Sculpture Garden, Richard Serra's *Sequence* and Richard Diebenkorn's paintings and sketchbooks that shed light on Diebenkorn's process. For more information on the Cantor, go to: https://museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Event is limited to 20 people, so dues-paying members will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened only to dues-paying members and a guest. Non-members will be able to register about a month later. A waitlist will be made available for cancellations.

The tour is free, but you must register and pay a \$20 fee to reserve your spot. The reservation fee will be refunded at the museum. NO REFUNDS for cancellations after July 6. Register by clicking on the link: https://maxsf.org/event-5269756

The docent tour is an hour for each museum and begins promptly at the Anderson Collection at 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Please arrive on time. After both tours, we will have an optional lunch at the cafeteria in the Cantor. Thereafter, attendees can resume viewing the museums, and/or casually tour the Stanford campus. Nearby parking is free in the garage and street on weekends except for the residents students lots.

For additional information, contact event champions, Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org or Dennis Lam at Dennis.Lam@maxsf.org

REAF-Broadway & Beyond-Les Misérables

Sunday, July 16, 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Enjoy this year's concert tour of the Tony Award-winning show Les Miserables in addition to some of REAF's favorites in this Broadway-themed spectacular! The show is one night only at the Marines Memorial Theater located at 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Concert starts at 7:30pm, but a silent auction begins at 6:30pm. Max will receive a 20% discount on tickets of \$59 or more. The Gala Ticket category will also include a VIP Party after the performance across the street at the Beacon Grand Hotel at 450 Powell to mingle with the cast while enjoying fabulous cocktails, wine, appetizers and desserts. For more information, go to: https://www.reaf-sf.org/help-is-on-the-way-xxvii--broadway.html

The Richmond Ermet Aid Foundation REAF is a non-profit 501 (3) (c) that supports HIV programs, food for the needy and supports homeless and disenfranchised youth. The event benefits Project Open Hand and REAF small emergency grants programs.

the discount. To purchase, go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/help-is-on-the-way-xxvii-broadway-beyond-tickets-620170686217 Type "MAXer" in the top promo code to get the discount on tickets \$59 and above. After you purchase your ticket, please RSVP with MAX to let us know you will be attending. https://maxsf.org/event-5302609

If you have questions, contact Jerry at jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

Chocolate and Wine Pairing

Sunday, **July 23**, **4:00pm - 6:00pm**. Join professional chocolatier Basel at his chocolate wine bar/cafe on Sunday, July 23 at 4pm. The Velvet Raven located at 155A Park St, San Francisco off Brannan and 2nd street (SOMA). There will be extra special pairings of his handcrafted dark chocolates with exquisite wine pairings. Chocolates feature 85% cacao, truffles and designs as "beautiful as jewelry". Each pairing will include a personal description of the chocolate and wine by the designer, Basel. Your admission will include 10 chocolate and 5 wine pairings. All attendees will be available to purchase any additional chocolate and wine with a 10% discount.

Space is limited to 16 people, but a waitlist will be available for cancellations. Cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for guests. No refunds after July 19. You can register at: https://maxsf.org/event-5317705

The event will start promptly at 4pm, so please be on time so you don't miss any of the pairings. For questions, contact Jerry Tusan at jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

Afternoon Garden BBQ in San Francisco

Sunday, August 6, Around 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Come celebrate the summer and outdoors, as MAX will host a garden BBQ in the lower Russian Hill area. Event will feature many of your favorite BBQ foods. Look for additional information in an upcoming newsletter.

BroadwaySF - Tina: The Tina Turner Musical

Friday, August 25, 7:30pm - 10:00pm. Please join MAX on Friday, August 25, at the Golden Gate Theater, for the sensational Broadway performance of *TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL*. For information, go to: https://www.broadwaysf.com/events/tina/





This riveting musical reflects the journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the legendary Queen of Rock n' Roll. Set to pulse-pounding music of her most beloved hits, this electrifying performance will send you soaring to the rafters.

The highly acclaimed Tina Turner won 12 Grammy Awards, and her live shows have been seen by millions, with more concert tickets sold by any other solo performer in music history.

TINA - THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Katori Hall, and directed by the internationally acclaimed Phyllida Lloyd, features her much-loved songs.

MAX has acquired 16 seats in Premium Loge at a discounted price. Pricing is \$110 for dues-paying MAX Members and \$120 for nonmembers. Buying direct on the BroadwaySF website would be \$157 with service fees for Premium Loge. Our discounted tickets likely could sell quickly, so register soon. Dues-paying members will have early priority to purchase tickets compared to non-members.

No refunds after August 13. A waitlist will be available for cancellations or possible additional tickets. To register, go to: https://maxsf.org/event-5310325

This is an event not to be missed. We look forward to experiencing this fantastic evening with other MAX Members. For more information, contact Robert at: robertmalloy@maxsf.org

Optional Pre-show Dinner: Around 5:30pm-7:00pm - A pre-show dinner will be planned beforehand at a nearby restaurant. Location and additional details will be announced soon, so please check back.

Recap of Recent Events

San Francisco Lawn Bowling - MAX enjoyed a fun outdoor event at the SF Lawn Bowling Club in the Golden Gate Park. Three club instructors provided training lessons and walked MAXers through the rules and various aspects of the game. Everyone had a good time learning and playing this new game. Afterward, ten members went to have a leisurely lunch nearby.









Dinner at Jasmine Garden Restaurant - On June 8, MAX hosted a sold-out dinner at the Jasmine Garden Restaurant in heart of the Castro. The event started with a pre-dinner social hour with wine provided by MAX, enabling attendees to socialize with old friends and meet new ones. Then members enjoyed a delicious Vietnamese dinner.











