



NEWSLETTER
Mid-April 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some interesting events coming up on the calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

May/June - Dining in the Inner Mission

June/July - Cantor Arts Center at Stanford

August 25 - BroadwaySF - Tina Turner

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.*

Recap of Recent Events

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on April 20th 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 - Locusts Have No King

Saturday, April 22. 8:00am-10:00pm (excluding optional dinner).

Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see "Locusts Have No King" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness, just off Market Street in San Francisco. The show is written by a queer Puerto Rican/Dominican playwright. It is about two closeted gay couples who work together, live in the same apartment building, but can't stand one another. They get together for a dinner party, where all hell breaks loose. This link will tell you more about the play: <https://www.nctcsf.org/22-23-Season/Locusts-Have-No-King>

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 register for the show, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5128580>

Optional Pre-show Dinner (5:45pm-7:30pm): We also will meet at 5:45 pm for dinner and drinks beforehand at Max's Opera Cafe (601 Van Ness Ave. at Opera Plaza). If you wish to join us for the pre-show dinner, register **separately** by clicking on the link for the NCTC Pre-Show Dinner for "Locusts Have No King" or at <https://maxsf.org/event-5128609>

Deadline to register and pay for **both** the show and the optional pre-show dinner is April 14. No cancellation refunds will be allowed after that date. For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org

Champion - NY Metropolitan Opera Live in HD

Saturday, April 29. 9:30am-12:30pm (excluding optional post-opera lunch)

Join MAX to watch The Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* theater broadcast of "**Champion**", at the Century 9 Theater in the Westfield San Francisco Centre mall (on Market Street, off Powell Street). The opera will be simulcast live from the New York Lincoln Center on Saturday, April 29th, starting at 9:55 AM.

Champion is based on the true story of bisexual boxer Emile Griffith. In 1962 Emile was closeted. After a homophobic slur from his opponent before a 1962 boxing match, Emile ended up killing his opponent in a flurry of blows during the match. He was cleared of wrongdoing and continued to compete. However, the world was less forgiving thirty years later when he was outed after being severely assaulted outside a gay bar. "***I kill a man and most people forgive me ... I***

love a man ... this makes me an evil person.” Read more about the opera *Champions* [here](#).



We'll meet in the lobby of the Century 9 Theatre on the 5th floor of the Westfield San Francisco Centre mall 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 two hours and fifty minutes with one intermission.

We have reserved a block of 13 tickets for MAX dues-paying members and a guest. We'll be sitting in seats F6 – F14 and G7 – G10. You may view the seating chart for this performance [here](#). Cost for the opera is \$29. The deadline to register and reserve a ticket is Thursday, April 27th. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5188594>

Sorry, no cancellation refunds after Thursday, April 27th. For cancellations and questions, email event co-champion Paul Munro at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org with Champions in the subject line.

For everyone who is not a dues-paying member of MAX SF, buy your ticket [here](#) or use the ticketing app of your choice. Note: Be sure to purchase a ticket for the showing at the Century San Francisco Centre 9 and XD.

Optional Lunch - After the opera, those interested can join us at the nearby Burma Love restaurant for lunch. An advance \$30 deposit is required to secure your reservation. Your deposit will be applied to the cost of your meal and beverages. Each diner will be responsible for paying for their food and drinks in excess of the deposit. Space is limited, so register today! Registration deadline Wednesday, April 26th. Sorry, no refunds after Wednesday, April 26th. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5188606>

The Burma Love Downtown restaurant is a short 5-minute walk from the theatre. It serves modern Burmese cuisine in an elegant setting. The restaurant serves favorite dishes such as the Tea Leaf Salad (named Best Salad of the West by Sunset Magazine), Samusa Soup, and Classic Mohinga, as well as a handful of newer, more seafood-centric dishes. The menu features a number of vegetarian and vegan options as well meat and seafood dishes.

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San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) Welcomes MAX Sunday, May 7. Open 11:00am - 5:00pm with gathering at 2:00pm.

SFMOMA welcomes MAX and selected LGBTG clubs with free admission to the museum plus a free drink. This is not the free monthly day that is opened to the general public. SFMOMA is reaching out to the LGBTQ community to expand awareness of what SFMOMA offers to our community. We would be able to visit the entire museum from 11am to 5pm, but MAX plans to gather at 2:00pm to socialize among LGBTQ attendees with a free cocktail at the no-host bar. More details on this will follow later.

SFMOMA is one of the largest modern and contemporary art museums in the United States. For additional information on SFMOMA and upcoming exhibits, go to <https://www.sfmoma.org/>



Among the many collections and exhibits on display will be Oakland-based artist Sadie Barnette's *The New Eagle Creek Saloon* (2019) that reimagines San Francisco's first black-owned gay bar, opened by the artist's father, Rodney Barnette, in 1990. The New Eagle Creek Saloon served as a safe gathering space for the multiracial queer community marginalized by the city's queer nightlife scene at the time. For more information on this exhibit, go to: <https://www.sfmoma.org/exhibition/sadie-barnette-the-new-eagle-creek-saloon/>

MAX is the lead LGBTQ group and is able to invite select LGBTQ groups to this event. This event is free, but registration is required at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5191879>

Registrants will be put on the MAX guest list for museum admission and be given a drink coupon. Space is limited. If you register and cannot attend, please cancel out of courtesy and for planning purposes.

Event hosts are Roman Gronkowski and Jim Tom. For additional information, contact Jim at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Optional Pre-MOMA Lunch (11:30 am) - For those interested, join Jim Tom and MAX for lunch before MOMA at a nearby restaurant (location TBD). Details will follow soon.

Smuin Ballet: Dance Series 2

Saturday, May 13. 2:00pm - 4:00pm (excluding optional lunch)

Join MAX for the spring 2023 performance of Smuin Ballet, San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company. For more information on the *Dance Series 2* program, please click [here](#). The Dance Series 02 will feature:

- *Swipe* by Val Caniparoli, music by Gabriel Prokofiev
- *Sextette* company premiere by Katarzyna Skarpetowska, music by Johann Sebastian Bach
- *Dream* by Michael Smuin, music by Chopin
- *World Premiere* by Amy Seiwert



MAX dues-paying members will get a 20% discount for this performance. 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 event champion, Paul Munro at paul.munro@members.maxsf.org. Alternatively, if you are a dues-paying member, you can email Paul for the discount code.

After you have purchased tickets, please let us know you'll be joining us for this performance by registering to RSVP at <https://maxsf.org/event-5188664>

For any questions, please email Paul Munro.

Optional Pre-Ballet Lunch (12:00pm - 1:30pm) - For those interested, join Paul Munro and MAX for lunch before the show at John's Grill, which is a ten minute walk from the Blue Shield of California YBCA Theater. Advance deposit required to join us. Read the details and reserve your space for this pre-performance lunch [here](#).

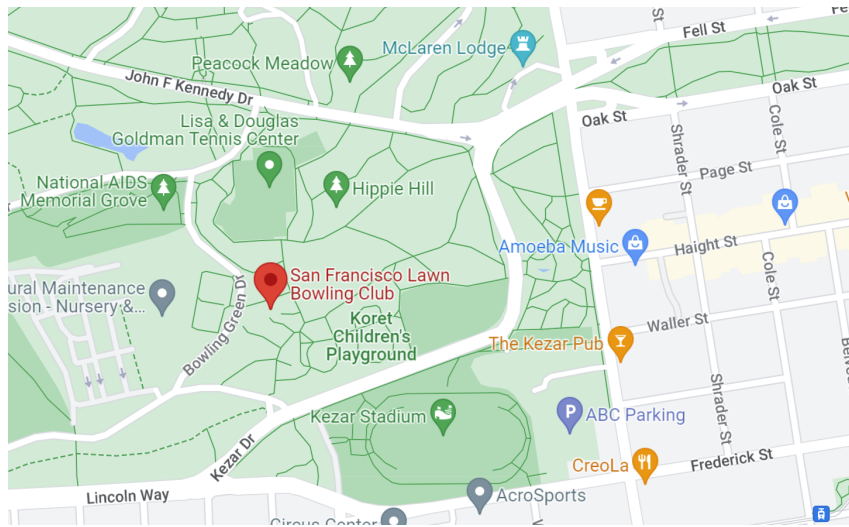
Lawn Bowling at Golden Gate Park

Saturday, June 3, 10:00am - 1:00pm (excluding optional lunch) - Join MAX for a fun outdoor outing to the SF Lawn Bowling Club in Golden Gate Park on June 3 at 10am. Lawn bowling is a variation on Bocce Ball (Italian) and Boules (French), where balls are rolled down a grass court towards a small target ball. Teams of two face off from each end of the court and score points by getting their ball closest to the target ball. No experience required! The club will provide volunteer teachers to show us all how to play. Much laughter and fun are promised! At about 1pm, we will head over to one of Irving Street's many eateries for an optional lunch (location TBD).



The cost is \$33/person. Event is limited to 16 people, but additional spaces likely could be made available with a waitlist for additions and cancellations. No refunds after May 25. Register at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5252083>

Event could be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information, contact Stephen Geisheker at stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org



Recap of Recent Events

Unspeakable Vice - Historical tour of North Beach - MAX members and our historian guide went on a fascinating tour of North Beach on April 1, with our guide presenting interesting (and for some, nostalgic) stories about gay life in North Beach going all the way back to the Gold Rush. We walked to the many of the old buildings that housed the famous and infamous saloons and gay and lesbian bars. All of these bars have long since closed, but their stories live on at the SF Historical Society. We ended our walking tour with a drink at Maggie McGarry's pub, followed by a wonderful lunch at Piccolo Forno on Columbus Street.



Dinner at Lark Bistro - Twenty MAX members and guests enjoyed a unique Mediterranean and Greek dinner at Lark Bistro in the Castro on April 13th. Sitting at the primary table in the main dining room, everyone was able to order their own entree and beverage of choice. Our waitstaff was outstanding in providing quality food and service.

