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Performing Arts Tickets

NEW THIS WEEK

December MAX SF Movie Night: *Ford v Ferrari* Friday December 20th at 6:30pm





Our next cinema experience will be December 20th at the AMC Metreon Theater in downtown San Francisco.

We will meet for drinks at Amber India (25 Yerba Buena Lane) at 6:30 pm, during their Happy Hour (M-F 5 to 7 pm), then hop over to the nearby AMC Metreon Theater (135 4th St) for the show nearest to 7:30 pm.

Our film for December will be either *Ford v Ferrari* (first choice) or *Harriet* (second choice) depending on which will still be showing at around 7:30 pm at the AMC Metreon. *Ford vs. Ferrari* is a historical film based on the remarkable true story of a visionary American car designer and a fearless British-born driver who together battled to build a revolutionary race car to take on dominating Ferrari at Le Mans in 1966. *Harriet* is a historical film about Harriet Tubman, who escaped from slavery in the South in the 1800s, then started the Underground Railroad. Both films have won accolades from critics and viewers around the country.

Everyone must pre-purchase his own ticket before arriving at the theater.

Register on the MAX SF website (NOT just on Meetup) to receive notifications including which show is selected, the specific time for the movie, the seat selected by the event champion, and any changes.

Get the details and register:

[REGISTER](#)

Porgy and Bess: The Met Opera Live in HD Saturday February 1st at 9:30am



Join MAX for The Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* theater broadcast of the George Gershwin opera *Porgy and Bess*. The opera will be simulcast to the Century Theatre in in the Westfield San Francisco Centre on Saturday, February 1st, starting at 9:55 AM.

Porgy and Bess is an English-language opera filled with an embarrassment of rich melodies from the American songbook. The songs just roll out one after another as this tragic love triangle plays out in the Catfish Row section of Charleston. The story follows the attempts of a crippled street beggar to rescue Bess from Crown, her violent and possessive lover, and from Sportin' Life, her Happy Dust dealer.

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After the opera, those interested can join us at The Rotunda restaurant in the nearby Neiman Marcus for a 1:45pm [lunch](#) (deposit required). The Rotunda is a short 10-minute walk from the theatre.

For dues-paying members and their guests, we have reserved a block of 6 tickets midway back and left of center in the theatre. The cost for the pre-purchased tickets to watch the opera is \$29.

For everyone who is not a dues-paying member of MAX SF, buy your ticket and then RSVP on [Meetup](#) to let us know you're joining us for this performance!

Get the details and RSVP:

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New Member Brunch Sunday January 12th at 12:00pm



A social community for gay men and their friends



New Member Brunch

New dues-paying members: Save the date for MAX SF's next New Member Brunch.

MAX SF Membership Chair Scott Tsui will be reaching out to new dues-paying members who joined MAX SF in the fourth quarter of 2019 to join MAX SF Chairman Mike Barsul, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade, and himself at a New Member Brunch at noon on Sunday January 12th at Catch.

This will be an opportunity to learn more about MAX and to meet your fellow new MAX SF members.

To become a dues-paying member and be included in this brunch, click [here](#) to join MAX SF.

If you are a dues-paying member who hasn't had an opportunity to attend a new member brunch and would like to be included in this event, please email MAX SF Membership Chair Scott Tsui at Scott.Tsui@maxsf.org.

All attendees will be responsible for paying for their food and beverages.

Get the details:

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SOLD OUT - *Holiday Elegant Brunch*: The Rotunda at Neiman

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This Saturday, a group from MAX will be joining MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade for a *Holiday Elegant Brunch* at The Rotunda, the spectacular and elegant restaurant at Neiman Marcus San Francisco. Unfortunately, this event is now sold out. For any questions, email Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

Get the details:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

All upcoming events can be viewed on the MAX SF website [calendar](#).

Note: A Meetup account is *not required* to sign-up for any MAX SF event. **You always have the choice to sign-up for any MAX SF event on our website [calendar](#).**

Chairman's First Friday Friday December 6th at 6:00pm

Join us Friday December 6th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for our monthly Chairman's First Friday at Beaux Bar (2344 Market St, San Francisco), conveniently located in the Castro neighborhood.

Come down and join us at Beaux! In December our Chairman's First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and discuss your plans this holiday season. There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP:

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For MAX events that feature alcohol, we strongly encourage you to take public transportation, a cab/Uber/Lyft, walk, or have a designated driver.

Help Is On The Way For The Holidays Monday December 9th at 7:30pm





Join our community partner, the [Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation](#) (REAF), for their annual holiday benefit concert, [Help is on the Way for the Holidays](#).

Enjoy a festive and spirited performance at the Marines' Memorial Theater featuring members from the Tony Award-winning show *Hamilton*, cast members from the national tour of the hit Broadway musical, *Summer, The Donna Summer Musical*, and others. The evening wraps up with a VIP after party with the cast at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, one block from the theater.

REAF is offering a \$20 discount to MAX dues-paying members which reduces the price for balcony seating to \$25 and for VIP rear or side orchestra seating to \$105.

Get the details:

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

December Wooftop Wednesday: Cityscape Lounge at the Hilton [Wednesday December 11th at 5:00pm](#)

For the December Wooftop Wednesday, join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at [Cityscape Lounge](#), located on the 46th floor of Hilton San Francisco Union Square. Join Nick and enjoy the spectacular and unobstructed 360-view of San Francisco.

There is no cover charge and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP:

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Smuin Ballet: The Christmas Ballet Friday December 13th at 7:30pm

Join MAX for a performance of Smuin Ballet's annual holiday show, *The Christmas Ballet*.

The Christmas Ballet is a favorite holiday tradition – complete with dazzling tap numbers, a 40-foot feather boa, and falling snowflakes!

The Christmas Ballet includes selections that are moving and beautiful and others that are smart, fun, and sure to bring a smile to your face. The performance usually ends on just the right note of joie to send you out onto the streets with a spring in your step!

Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members for this performance. For those interested, attendees may also join event champion Paul Munro for [dinner before the show](#) and for drinks after the performance. Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance.

Get the details and RSVP:

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My Favorite Place: The Blind Butcher Tuesday December 17th at 6:00pm

Join Paul Munro at one of his favorite places, The Blind Butcher.

With a casual and comfortable vibe, The Blind Butcher's menu offers hearty main dishes and a variety of appetizers and desserts. The wait staff are very accommodating, and the menu includes vegan and vegetarian options. As a recent dining companion mentioned to Paul, every dish is excellent at The Blind Butcher.

Advance \$30 deposit required to secure your reservation to join us. 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. No refunds for cancellations after Friday December 13th.

Get the details and Register:

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MAX Goes to the Theatre: *Head Over Heels* Friday December 27th at 7:30pm

Join MAX and the [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, for *Head Over Heels*.

Head Over Heels is a joyful bold sexually polymorphous new musical featuring the soundtrack of the most successful female rock band of all time, The Go-Go's.

Tickets range from \$45 to \$59 and **NCTC is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members.**

Plan to arrive by 7:30pm to meet and greet fellow MAX attendees at the NCTC full bar before the 8:00pm show. For those interested, also join us for a pre-show dinner at Absinthe. After the performance feel free to join event champion Paul Munro for a nightcap at Martuni's.

Get the details and RSVP:

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January Elegant Brunch: Top of the Mark Sunday January 5th at 12:00pm

In January, join MAX for an *Elegant Brunch* at the [Top of the Mark](#) atop the historic InterContinental Mark Hopkins luxury hotel on Nob Hill.

Enjoy the best Champagne brunch buffet in San Francisco while soaking in the spectacular breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views of the San Francisco skyline, Bay, and the Golden Gate Bridge. The buffet is phenomenal, with selections ranging from prime rib to dim sum and a caviar bar, in addition to your favorite breakfast standards - all offered with gracious superb service to match.

Space is limited. Advance payment of \$128 is required to secure your reservation to join us (\$99 Sunday buffet charge plus tax and tip).

Get the details and RSVP:

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MAX Cruise: Wine Cruise to Mexico with MAX Thursday March 19th - Monday March 23rd, 2020

Come join MAX and your host David Petlin for a four night round-trip sailing out of SAN FRANCISCO on board the beautiful Carnival Miracle. That's right, **no air fare needed!** Sail to Sunny Ensenada Mexico where we will meet our hosts for a wonderful day adventuring through the Guadalupe Valley – [Mexico's answer to Napa Valley](#) – for a spectacular day of wine tasting including a 5-course lunch at a 5-star restaurant.

Cruise price starts at only \$419 a person double occupancy plus taxes, fees, and gratuities.

The excursion to Mexico's wine country, including transportation, tastings, and the prix fixe lunch will be \$150 per person. The fee to MAX will be \$25 per dues-paying member/\$50 all others. The excursion to the wine country is limited to the first 30 and is half sold-out.

Call or email Our Travel Host - David Petlin at 415-890-6331 or david@travelbyflair.com to reserve your spot. Interested but looking to avoid the dreaded single supplement charge? Contact David to be put on our roommate match list and he will assist you with finding a roommate.

Get the details:

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PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS

As a special benefit for MAX dues-paying members, several performing arts groups offer discounts for selected performances. If you are a MAX dues-paying member, read about these discount benefits [here](#).

Note: You must be logged in to the [MAX SF website](#) as a dues-paying member to access the MAX Discount webpage (click the little person icon in the upper right corner of the MAX SF website to login.) 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 conciierge@maxsf.org.

Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- December 9th REAF **Help Is On The Way For The Holidays** benefit concert
- Smuin Ballet's December 13th performance of **The Christmas Ballet**
- New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances, including the December 27th production **Head Over Heels**
- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including weekday tickets to **Hamilton**)

For any questions, please contact MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at wade.nicky@yahoo.com

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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