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## LETTER FROM THE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS CHAIR



### New MAX Monthly Events for 2020

I'm excited to announce several new monthly events for 2020.

MAX is bringing back Second Sundays – this time in the East Bay! Join us from 3 to 5 pm on the second Sunday of each month at Oakland's iconic original gay bar, the White Horse Inn, starting on Sunday, January 12th. For details, read the announcement of this first Second Sunday event below under New This Week.

MAX is also bringing back Fourth Sundays. We'll be gathering from 3 to 5 pm at the Pilsner Inn. The first Fourth Sunday will be Sunday, January 26th. Look for details in the December 17th newsletter.

Tomorrow's Wooftop Wednesday at Cityscape Lounge will be the final event in my Wooftop Wednesday with Nick Wade series in which I explored the rooftop bars of San Francisco.

For 2020 I am introducing a new series, San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade. Held from 5 to 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, please join me as I explore San Francisco bars of special interest. This new event series will kick-off on January 8th at Cold Bar where the vibe is modern Shanghai with a dash of old school San Francisco. Read the details below under New This Week.

Please join me as well tomorrow, Wednesday December 11th, for the finale of Wooftop Wednesdays with Nick Wade. Read the details below under Upcoming Events.

Finally, MAX SF Board Member Bruce Cecil has already launched a new event series, MAX Movie Fridays. Join Bruce on December 20th for Ford v Ferrari (read the details under Upcoming Events). Bruce has further MAX Movie Fridays planned for January 10th, February 21st, March 13th, April 3rd, and May 8th. Look for details in upcoming newsletters.

Your MAX SF leadership team has been hard at work lining up great events for the MAX SF Community for 2020 – events that are fun and give you the chance to make real connections with real people. Please check out these new events and any of our MAX events that interests you.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,  
Nick Wade

Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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

## NEW THIS WEEK

January East Bay Second Sundays at The White Horse Inn Sunday  
January 12th at 3:00pm



We are starting a new monthly East Bay gathering for the New Year, East Bay Second Sundays at the legendary White Horse Inn in Oakland, CA.

Join us for a great chance to get to know other members of the MAX community in a relaxed, friendly, and fun environment!

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

We'll be kicking off this new monthly event on January 12th, the Second Sunday of January, from 3 to 5 pm.

For this initial East Bay Second Sunday, we'll also have some light snacks to munch on.

A long time fixture in the East Bay scene, the ever popular White Horse Inn is the oldest continuously running LGBTQ bar in the United States. Located one block from the Berkeley border, free parking is available on nearby streets and the bar is easily accessible by BART.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

[REGISTER](#)

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January San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade: Cold Drinks  
Bar Wednesday January 8th at 5:00pm





Join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at one of the most atmospheric bars in San Francisco, Cold Drinks Bar, for Nick's inaugural San Francisco Bars of Interest.

Held on the second Wednesday of each month, Nick explores bars of interest in San Francisco in this new monthly event series.

This scotch-centric bar offers a glitzy old Shanghai jazz-era vibe. You'll find a swanky bar where the bartenders wear tuxedos, and the atmosphere is a mix of modern Shanghai with a dash of old school San Francisco. Drinks are heavy on the Scotch, and there are many to choose from.

Located on the second floor of the China Live complex in North Beach, follow the bats painted on the walls up the stairs to find the door to this pseudo-secret bar.

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

Please RSVP to let Nick know you'll be joining him.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

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## Palm Springs "Pink Elephant" Holiday Party Sunday December 29th at 6:00pm



Keep the holiday spirit going between Xmas and New Year at our fabulous MAX holiday party in Palm Springs!

Following the success of our Halloween/Gay Pride events, MAX Chairman Mike Barsul and Event Champion Lorenzo Taylor are organizing an elegant "Pink" cocktail party for locals and out-of-town MAX guests in a stunning Los Compadres neighborhood private residence.

Enjoy live entertainment on the baby grand piano while sipping a refreshing signature "pink" cocktail or a glass of rose and nibbling on tasty appetizers.

We're also planning the wackiest "pink elephant" gift exchange, so bring a wrapped gift – something sexy, provocative or downright dirty.

**This party is limited to 35 guys and will likely sell out!**

Read the details and purchase your \$15 advance tickets [here](#) or pay \$25 at the door (if space available).

We can also use help with set up and clean up, so please let Lorenzo know if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions: [Lorenzo\\_max@aol.com](mailto:Lorenzo_max@aol.com).

**Get the Details:**

**EVENT DETAILS**

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**December Wooftop Wednesday: Cityscape Lounge at the Hilton** Wednesday December 11th at 5:00pm



Tomorrow, Wednesday December 11th, join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at [Cityscape Lounge](#), for the December Wooftop Wednesday. Cityscape Lounge is 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.

As Nick describes above in his Letter From the Programs and Events Chair, this will be the final Wooftop Wednesday with Nick Wade.

Join Nick for this finale to this fun event series and look forward to San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade starting on January 8th.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

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

**DEADLINE to Sign-Up for Pre-Show Dinner is Tomorrow,  
Wednesday December 11th! Two Spaces Left!**

On Friday 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 performance is divided into a classical first half and a fun and jazzy second half featuring red-hot contemporary dances set to pop favorites.

*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. Tomorrow, Wednesday December 11th is the deadline to sign-up for the pre-show dinner!

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

**REGISTER**

## DEADLINE

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

**DEADLINE to Sign-Up is THIS FRIDAY, December 13th!**

In one week, join Paul Munro at one of his favorite places, The Blind Butcher for our December event in MAX's *My Favorite Place* dinner series.

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.

Read about last month's *My Favorite Place* dinner [here](#).

**The deadline to sign-up for this *My Favorite Place* dinner at The Blind Butcher is this Friday, December 13th.**

**Get the details and Register:**

**REGISTER**

## MAX STORIES

*My Favorite Place: Poesia Osteria Italiana*

On Wednesday November 6th, 2019, sixteen men from MAX joined hosts Jerry Tusan and Jason Feinberg at [Poesia Osteria Italiana](#) for MAX's November *My Favorite Place* dinner.

**Read the story and see pictures [here](#).**

***Sign-up by this Friday to join MAX one week from today for our December *My Favorite Place* at The Blind Butcher, described above under Deadline.***

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Soirée on the Bay II: Celebrity Cruises Benefit Party for REAF

On Wednesday, November 13th, 2019, MAX joined our community partner REAF, the [Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation](#), for the second year in a row for a benefit party on a Celebrity Cruise Ship docked overnight in San Francisco.

**Read the story and check out the pictures [here](#).**

## 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](#).**

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### December Third Thursday Thursday December 19th at 5:30pm

Join us at Beaux Bar from 5:30 pm to 8 pm for MAX SF's **"Third Thursday"**. Join a great crowd of gay men and their friends for cocktails at happy hour prices, appetizers, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano. Admission is \$5; complimentary for dues-paying members.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

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### December MAX Friday Movie: *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](#)

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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.**

Please arrive by 7:00pm to meet and greet fellow MAX attendees at the NCTC full bar

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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### Chairman's First Friday Friday January 3rd at 6:00pm

**Join us this** Friday January 3rd, 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 January our Chairman's First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and discuss your plans for the new year.

There is no admission fee and a no-host bar. Enjoy 2-for-1 cocktails and \$2 well drinks!

MAX First Fridays attract a big crowd. With attendees running the gamut in age and interests, it's definitely a diverse group. If you've never joined us before, this is the perfect opportunity to be introduced to some new people.

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

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

MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade 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 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.

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



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## 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.

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.

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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:conciierge@maxsf.org).

Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- 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](mailto:wade.nicky@yahoo.com).

## MAX STORE

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### **Just in Time for Christmas: Order from the MAX Store!**

In the MAX Store on Zazzle — which you can link to from the nav bar on our website or by visiting <http://bit.ly/MAX-Store> — you can purchase a variety of MAX logo-emblazoned items. We have clothing (a sweatshirt, polo shirt and long-sleeve T-shirt), a MAX mug — even a refrigerator magnet! MAX makes a small profit from every transaction, which goes towards supporting our administration costs.

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If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at [wade.nicky@yahoo.com](mailto:wade.nicky@yahoo.com)

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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