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NEW THIS WEEK

March San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade: Pied Piper
Wednesday March 11th at 5:00pm





Join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, for cocktails at the historic Pied Piper bar in the Palace Hotel.

For more than a century, the Pied Piper has been a favored spot of locals and visitors from around the world for a comfortable, relaxed cocktail. Enjoy a sophisticated selection of wine, beer, spirits, traditional favorites, and signature Palace cocktails, as well as classic California Fare for supper. With its beautiful mosaic tile floor and rich wood paneling, the atmosphere of this Palace Hotel restaurant/bar is as welcoming and sophisticated as any in San Francisco.

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

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

[REGISTER](#)

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

Art Lovers Salon in Palm Springs Sunday March 22nd at 5:00pm



Palm Springs has a thriving art scene, with a world-class museum, major exhibitions and private galleries.

Join us for a very special "salon", a cocktail party with a discussion of visual art. Thom Greixa Phillips, a long-time friend of MAX, welcomes you to his art-filled Versailles community home to enjoy libations, snacks and insightful conversation.

Our special guest will be Dr. Carlos Silveira (shown on the right), a Brazilian-born painter who has taught at California State University Long Beach and exhibited all over the world. He will discuss his creative process and how his identity as a gay man of color influences his art.

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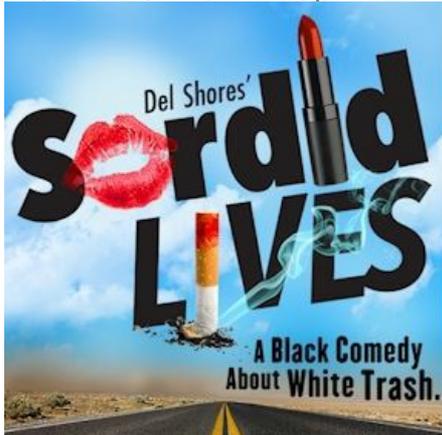
This will be a wonderful evening for those who enjoy art, but space is limited to just 20 guys.

The fee to attend is \$15 for MAX dues-paying members and \$25 for all others.

Get the details and REGISTER

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MAX Goes to the Theatre: Sordid Lives in Palm Springs Sunday March 29th at 2:00pm



Join MAX in Palm Springs for a stage production of the LGBT cult classic, Sordid Lives.

The cast of Sordid Lives puts a comedic twist on this character-driven story of unconditional love, acceptance and "coming out" in a Texas family. When Peggy, a good Christian woman and family matriarch, hits her head on the sink and bleeds to death after tripping over her lover's wooden legs in a motel room, chaos erupts in Winters, Texas, as the family converges for Peggy's funeral.

Sordid Lives is presented by the Palm Springs Theatre, the Palm Springs regional non-profit repertory theater company. Palm Canyon Theatre is located at 538 North Palm Canyon Drive, at the corner of Alejo and N. Palm Canyon Drive, across from Koffi.

Those interested in brunch before the show may gather at noon at Bongo Johnny's (301 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 200, Palm Springs).

For this MAX outing, 12 tickets have been reserved for a discounted price of \$25 (usual price \$29.50).

This is a hot show and already close to selling out. These twelve tickets will go quickly, so act now!

Click EVENT DETAILS below for the details on purchasing these theatre tickets.

Get the Details

EVENT DETAILS

Smuin Ballet Dance Series 02 Saturday April 25th at 7:30pm





Join MAX for a spring performance by the Smuin Ballet, San Francisco's premier contemporary ballet company, followed by a post-ballet Champagne reception.

On the bill for the evening of Saturday April 25th is Dance Series 02. This will be a groundbreaking program that will introduce the Bay Area to internationally renowned Cuban choreographer Osnel Delgado with a thrilling World Premier. In addition, the program will feature Michael Smuin's spiritually evocative Symphony of Psalms and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's Requiem for a Rose (pictured above), a captivating ballet set to one of Schubert's most romantic adagios.

For more information about the Smuin Ballet Dance Series 02 program, please click [here](#).

After the performance, MAX dues-paying members may join event champion Nick Wade in the YBCA theater green room for a post-show Champagne reception.

MAX dues-paying members will also get a 20% discount for this performance.

Get the details and RSVP

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

SIGN-UP DEADLINE WEDNESDAY! Bourbon Tasting in San Francisco Saturday February 29th at 5:00pm



Deadline to Sign-Up is Tomorrow, Wednesday February 26th!

This Saturday join MAX for bourbon tasting. This party was so much fun and so successful last year, so we decided to do a repeat.

Join us and sample fine bourbons and bourbon drinks, including the Kentucky Derby favorite, the Mint Julep. We will again be serving Kentucky Derby burgoo (a stew unique to Kentucky and a meal in itself) and our famous bourbon chocolate dessert.

This event will be held at a MAX member's glamorous penthouse on Telegraph Hill with sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate - the same venue as last year. The exact address will be sent a week in advance to those who register. The fun starts at 5pm and continues to 8pm.

Bruce Cecil and Philip Carberry again are the MAX Hosts. Bruce brings the regional expertise, as he is originally from Louisville Kentucky. This event will also be a prelude for a possible MAX trip in the fall to Kentucky. We will have more info about this proposed trip on February 29th at the Bourbon Tasting Party.

We are limiting the number of attendees to 25, so don't miss out on this fabulous event.

The price is \$25 for MAX dues-paying members, and \$35 for others and guests.

Unfortunately, there can be no refunds because of the purchasing that must be accomplished before the party.

All participants must be age 21 or older.

Get the details and Register:

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MAX STORIES

Bachelors in Paradise “It’s Just Brunch” – Palm Springs

A group of twenty-two “eligible bachelors” got together on February 9 th for a Sunday dating brunch in Palm Springs.

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

Check out two new Palm Springs events announced in this newsletter, Art Lovers Salon and MAX Goes to the Theatre: Sordid Lives, both described above under New This Week.

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 March 6th at 6:00pm

Join us Friday, March 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 March our Chairman’s First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and unwind at the end of the week. There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP

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March East Bay Second Sundays at The White Horse Inn Sunday
March 8th at 3:00pm

March 15th at 2:00pm

Join us Sunday for our monthly East Bay Second Sunday at the legendary [White Horse Inn](#) in Oakland, CA.

Enjoy getting 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.

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

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2020 Founders Day Celebration Party Sunday March 15th at 2:00pm

Join Us for Our 2020 Founders Day Celebration Party!

Dues-paying members are invited to join us on Sunday March 15th for our third annual Founders Day Celebration Party from 2 to 4pm. This year we will once again be at The Academy (2166 Market St, between Sanchez and Church Streets).

This *FREE* celebration party is our thank you to our dues-paying members, who make everything we do possible.

We will be serving appetizers and wine while celebrating the last year! During the party, you'll have plenty of opportunities to mingle with your fellow dues-paying members who have made MAX happen.

Our Founders Day Celebration Party has been a fun and popular event every year and we are expecting the same this year!

This FREE event is for dues-paying members only; no non-dues-paying members or guests will be admitted to this event.

Our only limitation is that we must restrict attendance to the first 100 dues-paying members who RSVP. RSVP by clicking the REGISTER button below. *Note: you must log in to the MAX SF website as a member to register for this event.*

If you're not a member and are interested in becoming one and attending our Founders Day party, join MAX SF at <https://maxsf.org/join-us>

Get the details and RSVP

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March Third Thursday Thursday March 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, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano.

Beaux Bar, 2344 Market St, SF.

Get the details and RSVP

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MAX Cruise: Wine Cruise to Mexico with MAX Thursday March 19th -

Monday March 23rd, 2020

Just a Few Spaces Left for the Guadalupe Wine Tour!

Come join MAX and your host David Petlin for a **special opportunity to enjoy a four night round-trip sailing out of SAN FRANCISCO with no air fare needed!**

Sail to Sunny Ensenada Mexico on the Carnival Miracle. When we arrive we'll meet our hosts for a **wonderful day adventuring through the Guadalupe Valley** – [Mexico's answer to Napa Valley](#). We'll enjoy a spectacular day of wine tasting including a 5-course lunch at a 5-star restaurant.

Cruise price starts at only \$389 a person double occupancy plus taxes, fees, and gratuities.

The excursion to Mexico's wine country, including transportation, tastings at three wineries, and the prix fixe lunch is \$150 per person. The fee to MAX to be part of this travel group is \$25 per dues-paying member/\$50 all others.

There's still time to sign-up, but the cruise is selling fast at this point (some select category of cabins are sold out), and we just have a few spaces left for the Guadalupe Valley Wine Tour.

Call or email Our Travel Host - David Petlin at 415-890-6331 or david@travelbyflair.com to reserve your spot.

Get the Details

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

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:

- Smuin Ballet's April 25th 7:30pm performance of ***Dance Series 02***
- All New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances.
- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including discounted orchestra and mezzanine level tickets through May 31st 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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