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LETTER FROM THE PROGRAM AND EVENTS CHAIR



COVID-19: Founders Day Postponed and Mexico Cruise Canceled

As everyone is aware, we are dealing with extraordinary circumstances with regard to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

Last Friday, March 6th, the San Francisco Department of Public Health issued new recommendations to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. This included a recommendation that individuals 60 years of age and older don't go to gatherings of about 50 people or more. You can read the recommendations [here](#).

As a result of these recommendations, and out of an abundance of caution, MAX has decided to postpone the Founders Day event originally scheduled for this coming Sunday, March 15th.

We intend to hold the 2020 MAX Founders Day party later this year. Look for an announcement in a future issue of this newsletter. We will also contact everyone who had previously registered for the March 15th date.

In addition, the MAX Cruise to Mexico including the tour of Mexico's Guadalupe Valley wine region has also been canceled. While the cruise line, Carnival, still plans to proceed with this cruise, Carnival has offered a future cruise credit for the value of the cruise good through March 31, 2021, for all members of the MAX travel group who wish to cancel their cruise. MAX is also refunding to the participants the fees paid to MAX for organizing the trip. Many thanks to our travel host David Petlin for all his efforts on behalf of everyone who had booked this trip.

Our remaining events tend to be smaller than 50 people and offer an opportunity to get out and visit with other members of our community during this difficult time.

MAX was started during the AIDS crisis when just such opportunities to socialize were so badly needed.

These are difficult times and we encourage every member of the MAX community to use their own best judgment, in consultation with their physician, whether to attend any of our events.

Please do use appropriate precautions and your best judgement when at MAX events. The following is San Francisco Department of Public Health [recommendation](#) 7 that applies to everyone:

- The best way for all San Franciscans to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID19:
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze.
 - **Stay home if you are sick.**
 - Avoid touching your face

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- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.

We look forward to continuing to offer opportunities to socialize, see great performances, and build community through this difficult period.

Sincerely,
 Nick Wade
 Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

NEW THIS WEEK

SFGMC: Penned in Pink Thursday March 26th at 8:00pm



Join MAX for the upcoming [San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus](#) concert *Penned in Pink* on Thursday March 26th at Davies Symphony Hall.

Special guest [Alex Newell](#) (from TV's "GLEE"), soloists from Oakland School for the Arts, and the Palo Alto High School Festival Choir, join SFGMC (San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus) for this program which features music by queer composers, youth and allies across the decades. The performance will include the world premiere of "@QueerZ" from the award-winning 24-year-old queer composer Julian Hornik. Bookending the program are works by two of the all-time great gay composers: Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

Davies Symphony Hall has cancelled performances currently scheduled through March 20 due to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. SFGMC will notify attendees to Penned In Pink should the March 26 performance status change.

Those who are interested should buy their ticket to this concert in advance.

Tickets may be purchased directly from the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus ticketing vendor, City Box Office, by clicking [here](#).

Tickets are limited so purchase your ticket ASAP!

Our MAX group will also plan to go out to dinner together before the film.

In addition to buying your ticket, be sure to register for this event on the MAX SF website so that our event champion, Bruce Cecil, can send you more specific information about the dinner and about meeting for the concert itself.

Get the details and Register

REGISTER

SF Silent Film Festival Opening Night: Foolish Wives Wednesday
April 29th at 7:00pm



March 23rd Deadline to Register & Pay for Discounted Tickets!

MAX has negotiated a special discounted price of \$23 per person for the Opening Night of the [San Francisco Silent Film Festival](#) (SFSFF), featuring Erich von Stroheim's brilliant film *Foolish Wives*.

Foolish Wives stars actor/writer/director Erich Von Stroheim as a fraudulent count, living in a state of perpetual depravity in a huge Monte Carlo mansion. He supports himself by extorting huge sums of money from silly married ladies who are dumb enough to fall for his romantic charms. Von Stroheim's attempted seduction of the foolish wife of an American financier is thwarted at every turn, and the count ultimately gets his comeuppance.

The film will be accompanied by maestro Timothy Brock, conducting members of the Oakland Symphony performing his SFSFF-commissioned score.

Join us for this unforgettable experience!

To get the discount and in order to sit together as a MAX group, you must register and pay on the MAX website by clicking REGISTER below.

The deadline to register and pay for this discounted price is March 23rd! After that date, ticket prices will go up, and also, there is no guarantee of sitting together as a group.

Our MAX group also will plan to go out to dinner together before the film. Your event champion, Bruce Cecil, will send out more specific information to all who register and pay.

Special Note: The show time of 7:00pm is tentative and will be updated when finalized.

Get the details and Register

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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





Tomorrow, Wednesday, 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

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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.

POSTPONED: 2020 Founders Day Celebration Party



The 2020 MAX Founders Day Celebration Party Has Been Postponed

As described above in the Letter from the Programs and Events Chair, due to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus, MAX has made the difficult decision to postpone the Founders Day event originally scheduled for this coming Sunday, March 15th.

On a date To Be Determined, dues-paying members will be invited to join us for our third annual Founders Day Celebration Party at The Academy.

Keep an eye out for an announcement in a future newsletter. We will also contact everyone who had previously registered for the March 15th date.

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](#).**

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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Palm Springs Happy Hour Social at V-Wine Lounge Friday March 20th at 5:00pm

Palm Springs Event Champion Lorenzo Taylor and MAX Chairman Mike Barsul invite you to join your MAX Palm Springs friends for a chill March happy hour at the [V-Wine Lounge](#).

Start your weekend off right with a few glasses from their large selection of California Boutique and Old World Wines, Throw Back Cocktails, Craft Beers, and Cheese Plates.

Millennial entrepreneurs and co-owners Mikey and James brought their wine room concept from West Hollywood to Palm Springs in September of 2019 and adapted the space downtown at 600 E Tahquitz Canyon Way to look and feel like a throwback mid-century lounge with period furnishings and artwork full of whimsy and playfulness. Their unique small batch wines are direct from California producers.

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

Our Friday Palm Springs Happy Hour Socials are a great way to meet other local MAX men or reconnect with visitors from the Bay Area!

Please RSVP to let Lorenzo and Mike know you'll be joining them.

Get the details and RSVP

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March MAX Friday Movie Friday March 20th at 6:00pm

Join us for our March MAX Friday Movie. We will meet for drinks at Amber India (25 Yerba Buena Lane) at 6:00 pm, during their Happy Hour (M-F 5 to 7 pm), then hop over to the nearby AMC Metreon Theater (135 4th St), or to the Century Theaters in the nearby Westfield San Francisco Centre Mall, for a show starting at 7 to 7:30 pm.

The exact movie and theater will be sent by email or text on Wednesday March 18th after the theaters release their movie schedules.

Everyone must pre-purchase his own ticket before arriving at the theater. Your event champion Bruce will let you know where he'll be sitting when he sends the selected movie and theater on Wednesday.

For more information on MAX SF events, visit [MAX SF Events](#) or contact us at [info@maxsf.com](#)

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

Get the details and Register

[REGISTER](#)

March Fourth Sundays at the Pilsner Inn Sunday March 22nd at 3:00pm

Join MAX for our monthly Fourth Sundays at the tried and true casual gay/mixed bar, the [Pilsner Inn](#).

Join us and enjoy a fun afternoon of conversation, drinks, and getting to know other men in the MAX community in a casual relaxed environment. We'll gather on the patio, weather permitting. Otherwise, event champion Jerry Tusan will set us up in a corner of the inside bar.

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

Get the details and RSVP

[REGISTER](#)

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.

To round out the discussion, Palm Springs Art Museum docent Vincent Stoppia will discuss the local art scene and some current and upcoming exhibitions.

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.

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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.

Sordid Lives is presented by the Palm Springs Theatre, the Palm Springs regional non-profit repertory theater company. The venue, the 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

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My Favorite Place: Fondue Cowboy Tuesday March 31st at 6:00pm

Join MAX Board member Jerry Tusan for dinner at another of his favorite places, Fondue Cowboy.

Located in San Francisco's SOMA district, [Fondue Cowboy](#) offers a non-traditional fondue experience serving very unique specialties in a cozy inviting space.

Dinner will include a variety of cheese fondues to share, salads, appetizers, meats, fresh bread, chocolate fondue for desserts, and wine. Most dishes are vegetarian.

If you wish to arrive between 5 and 6pm, Fondue Cowboy offers a happy hour, beer and wine only.

The cost will be \$52 per person to be paid online in advance.

Pre-payment in full required to join us.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot TODAY!

Get the details and Register

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Tosca: The Met Opera Live in HD in SF and Palm Springs Saturday April 11th at 9:30am

Join MAX for The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD theater broadcast of the Puccini's classic opera Tosca.

In a first for MAX, this event is being held simultaneously in San Francisco and Palm Springs!

The opera will be simulcast to the AMC Metreon Theatre in San Francisco and to the Regal Palm Springs Theatre in Palm Springs, on Saturday, April 11th, starting at 9:55 AM.

For dues-paying members and their guests attending in San Francisco, we have reserved a block of 10 tickets which can be purchased from MAX [here](#).

For all others in San Francisco and for those attending in Palm Springs, purchase your tickets in advance from the theatres.

After the opera, those interested can join MAX for lunch. In San Francisco, join event Champion Paul Munro at E&O Kitchen and Bar (advance deposit required). In Palm Springs, join event Champion Lorenzo Taylor at Sammy G's Tuscan Grill.

Read the details, including how to purchase your tickets and RSVP for each event.

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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. The program will also feature 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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MAX STORIES

Check out these MAX Stories in case you missed them in last week's newsletter:

- [MAX Happy Hour Social at PSAir in Palm Springs](#)
Check out the next Palm Springs Happy Hour Social on Friday March 20th, described above under Upcoming Events.
- [Bourbon Tasting in San Francisco](#)
- [Bachelors in Paradise "It's Just Brunch" – Palm Springs](#)

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 concierae@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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