



**NEWSLETTER**  
**March 2023**

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Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have numerous interesting and cultural events coming up on the calendar. We hope to see you there.

Check out our new archive page where photos and event recap from various events are posted: <https://maxsf.org/Event/Newsletter-Archives>

Also check out some of the discounts offered to MAX dues-paying members as a benefit of membership at: <https://maxsf.org/member-discounts>

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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.

April 13 - Dinner at Lark Restaurant in the Castro

Late Spring - Lawn Bowling in Golden Gate Park

**Note:** *Upcoming Events also are listed on the MAX website/calendar at [www.maxsf.org](http://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. Or cut and paste the url to use.*

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## Recap of Recent Events

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### **First Friday at Beaux**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **March 3rd** 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!

### **Hike Through Berkeley (plus optional lunch)**

**Saturday, March 5. 11:00am-2:30pm.** Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for a relatively easy hike around beautiful Berkeley. The entire hike takes about 3 hours, 30 minutes, not counting optional lunch, afterward. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. The hike itself is about 4 miles in length, and involves just a few climbs up small hills, but this is an urban walk and not too strenuous, as long as you are in decent shape, physically. This is NOT recommended for those who have physical limitations that affect your ability to walk at a normal pace along city streets that have some hills.

We will start and end at the Downtown Berkeley BART Station, meeting on the plaza just at the top of the main escalator, on street level. Our journey will take us past a small neighborhood with houses that look like they are out of a Dr. Seuss storybook; then up “holy hill” to the campus of the Berkeley Graduate Theological School; then uphill a little bit more to the Berkeley Rose Garden. After that, we go downhill to visit “gourmet ghetto” and the famous eateries along Shattuck Avenue in north Berkeley. We will stop for some optional authentic gelato. Finally, we will traverse some of the sites on the University of California campus, including the bell tower, the library, and Sproul Plaza, site of the student protests in the 1960s. The campus has some small hills.

After the hike, those who wish to eat lunch are invited to join us at Eureka, a friendly restaurant just around the corner from Downtown Berkeley BART Station. The restaurant has an extensive full bar, as well as gourmet hamburgers and other sandwiches, and some lunch and dinner entrée items, including vegetarian options. **IMPORTANT:** Bring your own money (cash is preferred) if you want to buy gelato or buy lunch at Eureka.

There is a limit of 20 people for this event, but a waiting list will be created, if we exceed that number. This event is free, but registration is required at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5128573>

For additional information, contact Bruce at [bruce.cecil@maxsf.org](mailto:bruce.cecil@maxsf.org)

### **Third Thursday at Beaux**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday

on **March 16th** 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!

### **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration**

**Saturday, March 18. 4:00pm-7:00pm.** Join us on Saturday, March 18 for a Post St Patrick's Day Celebration of homemade dinner of lean corned beef and the usual trimmings, along with appetizers and hosted beverages consisting of white wine, Irish beer, Irish coffee and a non alcoholic selection.

The event will be held at one of our member's beautiful loft in San Francisco off Van Ness and near CPMC. The event will begin at 4 with dinner served at 5:30 pm. Exact address to be given one week prior to event upon registration.

Cost is \$42 per member or \$50 per non-member. We must limit this event to the first 20 people. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. Sorry, no refunds after March 11. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5144735>

Please contact Jerry Tusan with any questions at: [jerry.tusan@maxsf.org](mailto:jerry.tusan@maxsf.org)

### **Unspeakable Vice: Walking tour of Historical Gay North Beach**

**Saturday, April 1. 10:30am-12:00pm (excluding optional lunch).** This will be an interesting walking tour of historical Gay North Beach, with an optional lunch at one of North Beach's famous Italian restaurants. This tour is part of the San Francisco Historical Society's tour series, and is led by a very knowledgeable and engaging historian. Starting at the SF Historical Society (608 Commercial St.), we'll zig zag our way by more than a dozen lost queer bars, and hear about gay life going all the way back to the Gold Rush. Hear how the "unspeakable vice" of the Victorians found its place and, through the process, gained a voice. Tour ends around 12:00 with a drink at Maggie McGarry's pub, the site an infamous lesbian hook-up spot at 1353 Grant Ave (drink included in the tour price). Then we will walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch at about 12:30. (Lunch is optional, location TBD).

The cost is \$30 per person. Tour is limited to 16 people. No refunds after March 25. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5179978>

For more information, contact Stephen Geisheker at [stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org](mailto:stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org)

## **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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5188594>

Sorry, no cancellation refunds after Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. For cancellations and questions, email event co-champion Paul Munro at [paul.munro@members.maxsf.org](mailto: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 a nearby restaurant for a 1:30pm lunch (advance deposit required). The restaurant has yet to be chosen. Keep an eye out [here](#) for details and to pay your deposit once the venue has been selected.

**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 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 LGBT 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 ourselves with a free cocktail at the no host bar. More details on this

among ourselves with a free cocktail at the rooftop 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 LGBT group and is able to invite select LGBT groups to this event. This event is free, but registration is required at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5191879>

Sign up soon as this event likely could fill up since several other LGBT groups also will be registering. MAX dues-paying members will get early notice. Registrants will be put on the MAX guest list for museum admission and be given a drink coupon. 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](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org)

### **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](mailto: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](#).

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## Recap of Recent Events

**Scotch Tasting** - Sixteen MAXers gathered to sample Scotches from five Scotch producing regions of Scotland (Speyside, Islands, Highlands, Lowlands, Islay and Campbeltown), as well as one from Japan. Ken Cleaveland gave an overview of the manufacturing/fermentation process and discussed the various characteristics found in Scotch, such as being "peaty" or smoky, or having flavors that include cherry, tobacco, vanilla, spice and dried fruit. We learned how to drink it "neat" and with water. Appetizers were paired to accentuate the Scotch experience.





***Thai Temple Brunch***



***Bowling at Yerba Buena***

