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SOMArts Cultural Center Seeks Proposals for Commons Curatorial Residencies: 2011-12

San Francisco, CA, October 18, 2010 —SOMArts Cultural Center Executive Director Lex Leifheit announced today that the center is seeking proposals for the second round of Commons Curatorial Residencies in the Main Gallery. In 2011-12, four artists and curators will receive funding support and access to one of the largest and most beautiful gallery spaces in the heart of the city in order to expand their practice, engage the Bay Area's many cultural communities, and turn vision into reality. Letters of intent are due Thursday, November 18 by 5:00pm, more information is available at <http://www.somarts.org>.

Leifheit commented, "last winter SOMArts launched its first call to curators and artists, which challenged them to combine their vision with SOMArts' mission and a dynamic plan for community involvement." The four selected proposals range from an artist who has collaborated with more than 100 writers but is launching her first major exhibition (Julie Michelle's [I Live Here:SF](#), Nov 5—30, 2010) to the oldest Asian Pacific American multidisciplinary arts organization in the country (Kearny Street Workshop's [A Sensory Feast](#), Feb 4—25, 2011).

At press time, SOMArts had secured resources for up to four individuals or organizations to receive the following: financial support consisting of a curatorial stipend and materials reimbursement up to \$1,500, a month-long exhibition in the SOMArts Main Gallery, technical assistance, and marketing support. Leifheit said they were still actively pursuing individual donors and like-minded foundations to support future residencies and to secure adequate resources for installation costs.

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Why "the commons?"

The term "commons" refers to a space that is shared by the community as a whole. SOMArts is committed to supporting artists at all levels of development and reflecting San Francisco's citizens in the



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service of its mission: to promote and nurture art on the community level and foster an appreciation of and respect for all cultures.

How can artists find out more?

SOMArts is hosting a gallery tour and question and answer session with SOMArts Curator and Gallery Director Justin Hoover on Thursday, October 21. Artists may RSVP online at <http://commonswalkthroughqa.eventbrite.com/>.

On Tuesday, November 9 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, SOMArts will host an online info session and provide artists with a virtual gallery tour and the chance to ask questions about the application process. RSVP at <http://commonsonlineqa2.eventbrite.com>

The deadline for Letters of Intent is 5:00pm on Thursday, November 18, 2010. All applications must follow the guidelines posted at www.somarts.org and be received via email at galleriesomarts.org.

ABOUT SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER

Insurrection, Connection and Community through the Arts

SOMArts (South of Market Arts, Resources, Technology, and Services) was founded in 1979 and operates the South of Market Cultural Center, one of four city-owned cultural facilities in San Francisco. SOMArts supports exhibitions, performances, classes and other collaborations that serve its mission: to promote and nurture art on the community level and foster an appreciation of and respect for all cultures.

For more information about upcoming events, space rentals and technical services, visit www.somarts.org or call 415-863-1414.

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