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**SOMArTS CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS
FEAST OF WORDS: A LITERARY POTLUCK**

*Literary Guests Bill Berkson and Micah Ballard Join Culinary
Guest Yasmin Golan March 1st*

San Francisco, CA, February 2, 2011 — SOMArts Cultural Center presents *Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck*, a monthly potluck where writers and foodies come together to eat, write, and share. Join co-hosts Lex Leifheit and Irina Zadov on the first Tuesday of each month.

March's theme is "Unsaid: Stories Between Bites" and features readings by literary guests Bill Berkson and Micah Ballard. Food artist Yasmin Golan will provide culinary inspiration. This month's event will also include a **creative competition** of on-the-spot writing inspired by the theme. House opens at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 1st, 2011 and space is limited. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$5 with a potluck dish, or \$12 at the door and include refreshments and delicious eats. (Cash bar). Tickets available at feastofwords.eventbrite.com

Literary Guest Bill Berkson's recent books include *BILL*, with Colter Jacobsen; *Lady Air*; *Portrait and Dream: New & Selected Poems*; *Not an Exit* with Léonie Guyer; and a collection of art writings, *For the Ordinary Artist*. From 1984 to 2008 he taught art history and literature at the San Francisco Art Institute.

Literary guest Micah Ballard was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and lives in San Francisco. Recent books include *Evangeline Downs*, *Easy Eden*, *Parish Krewes*, *Poems from the New Winter Palace*, and forthcoming from City Lights in fall 2011, *Waifs and Strays*. He currently co-directs the MFA in Writing Program USF.

Culinary guest Yasmin Golan of *Calico Pie Edibles and Delights* is a UC Berkeley History alum turned culinary artist who studied cooking at several of the Bay Area's best artisanal restaurants before turning her attention to the art of celebratory and community dinners and classes. Her great-

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grandparents ran a boarding house that made wine during Prohibition and fed hungry neighbors during the Great Depression. She can be found foraging and cooking locally in order to support a sustainable North American food system at yasmin@calicopie.us

Lex Leifheit is the executive director of SOMArts Cultural Center. She co-founded the High Street Writers Collective in Connecticut and has organized readings online, on street corners, and in storefronts. She was most recently published in the December 2010 issue of *In Dance* magazine.

Irina Zadov is the Director of Experience and Programs at Zeum: San Francisco Children's Museum. She is a practicing artist with a passion for bringing people together through food, stories, and romps through the imagination.

About the SOMArts Studio Series

The SOMArts (South of Market Arts, Resources, Technology, and Services) Studio Series is an informal assemblage of arts classes and events designed to encourage the production of contemporary work by artists of all ages and skill levels in San Francisco.

Listing Info:

What: Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck

Where: SOMArts Cultural Center (934 Brannan St, between 8th and 9th)

When: Tuesday, March 1, 2011. 7:00pm to 9:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm

What else: Tickets are \$10 advance, \$5 with a potluck dish and \$12 at the door. feastofwords@somarts.org

About SOMArts Cultural Center

SOMArts (South of Market Arts, Resources, Technology, and Services) 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.

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