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SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

Spread

**April Exhibitions Program and Commons Curatorial Residency
Recipient 2010/2011**

Exhibition: *Spread*

Guest Curators: [OFF Space](#) ([Elyse Hochstadt](#), [Emmanuelle Namont-Kouznetsov](#), [Kathrine Worel](#))

Exhibition Dates: April 9 – April 27, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, April 8, 6:00 – 9:00 PM 2011

Panel Discussion with Artists and Curators: Thursday, April 14, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Closing Happy Hour Reception: Tuesday, April 27, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday 12:00 – 7:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Press images available [here](#)

San Francisco, CA, February 7, 2011 – [SOMArts Cultural Center](#) presents *Spread*, an exhibition by [OFF Space](#), SOMArts Commons Curatorial Residency recipient for 2010/2011, juxtaposing historic key players of Bay Area conceptual and new media art including [Sharon Grace](#), [Paul Kos](#), [Tony Labat](#), [George Legrady](#), and [Laetitia Sonami](#), alongside a selection of emerging and next-generation artists of promise including [Carissa Potter](#), [Julien Berthier](#), [Guy Overfelt](#), [Angus Forbes](#) and [Jaqueline Gordon](#).

This younger generation of artists have been mentored and significantly informed by these established players, exhibiting work that has begun to thrive due to the trails blazed by the older vanguard generation. For *Spread*, new work by all these individuals, as well as one historic piece by the established vanguard selection will be on display to describe the narrative arc of conceptual and new media art in the Bay Area from the 1960's to today and show its great promises for the future. In this way, *Spread* pays homage to the role that cutting-edge work plays in expanding

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the definition of art, while looking at what forms these artists are experimenting with for the future.

Specific work presented in this show includes a participatory thirty foot long crushed granite pétanque court in the gallery by Paul Kos, topographic, biomorphic, sculptural and experiential sound installations by Sonami and Gordon, a video collaboration between Tony Labat and Guy Overfelt, mixed media sculptures and photographic installations. According to *Spread* curators Elyse Hochstadt, Kathrine Worel, and Emmanuelle Namont-Kouznetsov: “it is frequently said that as goes California, so goes the nation and this exhibition seeks to illustrate this adage by highlighting the distinct history and continuing impact of Bay Area artists and arts educators on the tenor and trajectory of conceptual and new media art emerging from the Bay Area.”

Furthermore, according to gallery director [Justin Hoover](#), “the interdisciplinary and intergenerational nature of this show helps to cultivate a crosspollination between and across artistic sectors in California and thereby get’s at the mission of SOMArts to foster art on multiple community levels and across all cultures. Rarely does an exhibition concurrently delve into the past and drive into future, incorporating so many different forms of experimentation.”

SOMArts exhibitions and events are **FREE** (unless otherwise advertised). Enter down long driveway. Street parking available and flat rate parking is accessible at Brannan & 8th St. SOMArts is within two blocks of the Muni lines number 12, 19, 27 and 47.

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ABOUT SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER

Insurrection, Connection and Community through the Arts

SOMArts Cultural Center (South of Market Art Resources, Technology, and Services) maintains one of four cultural facilities owned by the City of San Francisco and operated by nonprofit arts organizations. SOMArts serves approximately 450,000 people with its year-round schedule of community arts classes, theatrical performances, gallery exhibitions and technical services’ support of festivals and parades throughout the city.

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