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SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS FEAST OF WORDS: A LITERARY POTLUCK

Monthly event features literary guest Kirya Traber, food by Peter Jackson, and a creative competition April 5th.

San Francisco, CA, March 16, 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.

April's theme is "On the Shoulders of Giants" and features a reading by literary guest Kirya Traber, as well as culinary inspiration from Chef Peter Jackson. 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, April 5th, 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

This month's **literary guest** is **Kirya Traber**, a nationally awarded spoken word artist. Her work has appeared before US Presidents, incarcerated convicts, and classrooms of kindergartners. She has toured the United States and Canada with the legendary queer girl literary road show, Sister Spit, and can be found in the pages of *Other Tongues: Mixed Race Women Speak Out* by Inanna Press, and her chapbook *black chick*. She currently works as the Arts in Education Program Manager of Youth Speaks Inc, and will attend graduate school in the fall for an MFA in acting.

Culinary guest Peter Jackson is the executive chef of Canvas Underground, a supperclub that aims to bring people together for great food and cool art in ever-changing venues. The collective is a part of the Ghetto Gourmet dining party network, which is continuing the Bay Area's guerilla cooking tradition. Past Canvas Underground dinner parties have included a "Depression Dinner" and a four course meal in a foreclosed West Oakland Victorian. canvasunderground.wordpress.com



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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, April 5, 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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