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**SOMArts Cultural Center Presents
FEAST OF WORDS: A LITERARY POTLUCK**

**San Francisco's tastiest literary event features poet Cole Krawitz,
food by Justin Belluomini, and a creative competition July 19th.**

San Francisco, CA, June 21th, 2011 — SOMArts Cultural Center presents *Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck*, a monthly dinner party where writers and foodies come together to eat, write, and share. Join co-hosts Lex Leifheit & Irina Zadov the third Tuesday of each month to discover local chefs and writers, bring a dish on the monthly theme, and participate in a creative competition for edible and literary prizes!

July's Feast of Words features the poetry of literary guest Cole Krawitz and culinary delights from chef Justin Belluomini. July's theme "deconstruct" is inspired by [The Book](#), a multi-media exhibition and contemporary dance performance series which explores the relationship between artists and their work. The theme encourages chefs and writers to consider their practice, break it open, and create anew.

The event will also include a creative competition of on-the-spot writing inspired by the theme. House opens at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, July 19th 2011** and space is limited. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$5 with a potluck dish, or \$12 at the door, cash bar. Come early to enjoy tasty eats contributed by our guest chef and potluck participants. Purchase tickets online at feastofwords.eventbrite.com.

Literary guest Cole Krawitz is the founding editor of jvoices.com. Krawitz is a Lambda Literary Fellow and holds a MFA in Creative Writing from Lesley University. He has been a Lecturer in June Jordan's Poetry for the People Program at University of California, Berkeley and the MA in English Program at Holy Names University. Krawitz received the Be'chol Lashon Media Award in New Media in 2009. His poems and articles have appeared widely in such publications as *Tidal Basin Review*, *Connotation Press*, *Zeek*, *OCHO*, *Newsday* and *The Forward*.

Culinary guest Justin Belluomini studied under the masters of California-Mediterranean cuisine at Zuni Café shortly after moving to San Francisco. He then worked directly with Peter Erickson at 1550 Hyde to design dishes that would delight and surprise. Belluomini most recently joined forces with San Francisco's premier catering company, [Taste Catering](#), where he spearheads the company's in-house salumeria. He draws on a rich culinary tradition of Italian cuisine from his family, as well as soul food and barbecue from his hometown of Memphis.



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Calendar Listing

What: [Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck](#)

Theme: Deconstruct

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

When: Tuesday, July 19th, 2011. 7:00PM–9:00PM, house opens 6:30PM.

What else: Tickets are \$10 advance, \$5 with a potluck dish, and \$12 at the door. For more information visit <http://feastofwords.somarts.org> or write feastofwords@somarts.org

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.

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.

About SOMArts Cultural Center

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. SOMArts programs are supported by the San Francisco Arts Commission's Community Arts and Education Program, with funding from Grants for the Arts/San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund.

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