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

San Francisco's tastiest literary event features first-ever youth guest reader & chefs Tuesday, September 20th.

San Francisco, CA, August 29, 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 share your work to be entered in a drawing for edibles, books and other prizes!

This September *Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck* welcomes youth literary and culinary guests for the first time in its one-year history. The featured reader and guest chefs come from a collaboration with two Bay Area non-profits which provide skill development opportunities for local youth, [826 Valencia](#) and [Old Skool Café](#).

The back-to-school theme "Schoolhouse Rocks" is inspired by September's bright young literary and culinary guests and the exemplary student artists in [Frontrunners: The San Francisco Foundation 2011 Murphy & Cadogan Awards Exhibition](#). *Frontrunners*, on view in SOMArts' Main Gallery August 17th – September 16th, is a survey of new work from 23 Bay Area MFA student recipients of the competitive Murphy & Cadogan Fellowships in the Fine Arts.

The event will also include a short, on-the-spot writing exercise inspired by the theme. House opens at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, September 20 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.

About 826 Valencia

[826 Valencia](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6–18 with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Their services are structured around the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success.



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About Old Skool Café

[Old Skool Café](#) is a violence prevention program providing jobs and training to at-risk youth ages 16-22 at a 1940s-style supper club. They address the epidemic of violence and recidivism by providing at-risk, previously incarcerated, and foster care youth with a variety of career opportunities that would normally not be afforded them. Their vision is to establish a youth-run restaurant that will employ youth in every area of the business, developing real skills that are transferable in the marketplace.

Calendar Listing

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

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

When: Tuesday, September 20, 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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