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

*San Francisco's tastiest literary event welcomes poet Mariama  
Lockington  
and culinary guest Charleen Caabay on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7pm*

**San Francisco, CA, Jan. 5, 2012** — 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 and 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!

The poetry of January's literary guest Mariama Lockington addresses how families come together by fate and circumstance through the process of adoption. Lockington's writing navigates multiculturalism and the search for identity as an adoptee.

Culinary guest Charleen Caabay, who specializes in Filipino cuisine, joins Lockington. Lockington will follow her reading with a short, on-the-spot writing exercise for the audience.

The theme "Get Lucky" is inspired by [Get Lucky: The Culture of Chance](#), a visual art exhibition on view in SOMArts' Main Gallery through Jan. 26, which explores John Cage's legacy of chance in the arts and across cultures. All guests are encouraged to bring a dish inspired by chance.

House opens at 6:30pm on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and space is limited. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$5 with a potluck dish, or \$12 at the door, cash bar. Purchase tickets online at [feastofwords.eventbrite.com](http://feastofwords.eventbrite.com).

**About Mariama Lockington**

Lockington calls many places home and currently lives in Oakland. A writer, trans-racial adoptee, educator, and dreamer, Lockington hopes to one day write and star in her own queer musical. Lockington has self-published two poetry chapbooks, *Mama Blue*; 2006 and *Plucked*; 2007, was published in *The Comstock Review* poetry journal in 2009, performs spoken word around the Bay, and has taught writing workshops for YouthSpeaks, Making Waves, LYRIC, and various other youth organizations. She holds a Masters in Education from Lesley



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University and is currently earning her MFA in Poetry at San Francisco State University.

#### **About Charleen Caabay**

Making her mark throughout the Bay Area, Caabay, owner of Kainbigan, satisfies appetites with her creative culinary skills. Her love of cooking Filipino food and inventive personal specialties has brought satisfied taste buds wherever she goes. Whether it be at a special event, as your personal chef or a catered party, you can be sure that you will not go hungry.

Aspiring to jump into the mobile food movement in the near future, Charleen will take her culinary prowess on the road to share her love of food with more people. Charleen's motto is, "Where there is good food, there is always good company!"

#### **Calendar Listing**

**What:** [Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck](#) (Theme: Get Lucky)

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

**When:** Tuesday, Jan. 17, 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](mailto: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.



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