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

San Francisco's tastiest literary event welcomes author Maxine Hong Kingston and culinary guest Yasmin Golan on Tuesday Feb. 21, 7pm

San Francisco, CA, Jan. 19, 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!

Award winning Chinese author Maxine Hong Kingston will read a section on war and peace from her free verse memoir "I Love A Broad Margin to My Life." Yasmin Golan, an interdisciplinary culinary artist whose previous projects explore the American occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq through food, joins Kingston. Kingston will follow her reading with a short, on-the-spot writing exercise for the audience.

The theme "At War" is inspired by [At War](#), a visual art exhibition on view in SOMArts' Main Gallery through Feb. 29, which explores identities in conflict, ranging from ethnic, gender, and sexual identity to conflicts of artistic identity indicated by disparate processes, practices, and mediums.

House opens at 6:30pm on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 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.

About Maxine Hong Kingston

Kingston is the author of "The Woman Warrior," "China Men," "Tripmaster Monkey," and "The Fifth Book of Peace," among other works. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the presidentially conferred National Humanities Medal, and the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters from the National Book Foundation. For many years a Senior Lecturer for Creative Writing at UC Berkeley, she lives in California.

About Yasmin Golan

Golan is an interdisciplinary culinary artist based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Since 2007, she has been making work that combines food



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and storytelling, historical research, illustration, and poetry. She teaches cooking classes and organizes community dinners and events in the Bay area at <http://www.calicopie.us>.

Calendar Listing

What: Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck (Theme: At War)

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

When: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 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.

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