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SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS Night Light: Multimedia Garden Party

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Curated by Justin Hoover

One-night only: Saturday, July 17, 2010, 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM

Admission: Suggested donation \$10-\$5 no one turned away for lack of funds. Advanced registration suggested at: <http://nightlight.eventbrite.com/>

Food and drink will be available

San Francisco, CA, June 23, 2010—SOMArts Cultural Center's Main Gallery Exhibitions & Programs presents "Night Light: Multimedia Garden Party," a one-night-only special event exploring temporary multimedia abstract sound, video, and film installations set in the garden and gallery. "Night Light" presents site-specific film installations spilling through the bamboo grove and on monitors sprinkled throughout the driveway, as well as ambient sound performances and amorphous video projections. The videos all feature a collection of locally produced video art installations with a grouping co-curated by Stephen Parr from the Oddball Films archive. Kerry Laitala premiere's a new 3-D video projection titled "Afterimage: A Flicker of Life," with soundtrack by Wobbly and Laitala, additional Laitala films to be screened include "Chromatic Cocktail Extra Fizzy" and "Chromatic Frenzy" accompanied by live sound by Cloud Archive as well as two new installations, "Mercurial Madness" and "Chromatastic."

The one-night-only exhibition was conceived of by SOMArts Curator and Gallery Director Justin Hoover. Featured artists include [Mauricio and Christine Ancalmo](#), [Lucca Antonucci](#), [Elaine Buckholtz](#), [Paul Clipson](#), [Jon Grover](#), [Justin Hurtey](#), [Scott Kildall](#), [Lynn Marie Kirby](#), [Kerri Laitalia](#), [Peter Max Lawrence](#), [Conrad Meyers II](#), [Steven Parr](#), [Skye Thorstensen](#), and [Bryan Van Reuter/Cloud Archive](#) and a special live performance titled 100 Songs by [Ajna Lichau](#) and [Bryson Hansen](#).

"Night Light" investigates a strong local subgenre of sound and installation art in San

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Francisco that explores visual, light and sound installation art from a place of true abstraction, unhinging the confines of their art from conventions such as painterly formalism, sculptural composition, and time-based editing formalism. The one-night event was timed to coincide with the month-long exhibition “Totally Unrealistic: the art of abstraction,” which will be on display in the SOMArts Main Gallery through July.

Hoover commented, “the artwork featured in ‘Night Light’ investigates the continuing need, for exploring abstraction through film, sound, installation and video art as evidenced in its current upsurge in contemporary culture. These works build off a legacy of film makers such as Stan Brakhage and painters such as Clifford Still and Rothko, yet move through to a contemporary place where the structure of the visuals and the auditory forms become site-specifically entangled, and equally reject conventional cinematic narrative, iconographic, and time structures.”

For more information about the event, call 415-863-1414 x110 or email justin@somarts.org. SOMArts is located at 934 Brannan St between 8th and 9th. Detailed directions by bus, car and bicycle are available below or at <http://www.somarts.org/about/directions/>.

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Enter down long driveway.

Street parking available and flat rate parking is accessible at Brannan & 8th St
SOMArts is within two blocks of the Muni lines number 12, 19, 27 and 47.

ABOUT SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER

Insurrection, Connection and Community through the Arts

SOMArts Cultural Center (South of Market Art Resources, Technology, and Services) maintains one of four cultural facilities owned by the City of San Francisco and operated by nonprofit arts organizations. SOMArts serves approximately 450,000 people with its year-round schedule of community arts classes, theatrical performances, gallery exhibitions and technical services’ support of festivals and parades throughout the city.

SOMArts also provides affordable event space for local nonprofit organizations to present showcases, fundraisers and exhibitions. For more information about upcoming events, space rentals and technical services, visit www.somarts.org or call 415-863-1414.

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