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SOMArts Cultural Center presents TOTALLY UNREALISTIC: THE ART OF ABSTRACTION July Exhibitions Program

Totally Unrealistic: The Art of Abstraction

Curated by Ralph Joachim

Opening reception: Thursday, July 8, 2010, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Artist introduction 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Exhibition: July 8 – July 30 2010

Closing reception and artist walk-through: Friday July 30, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday 12:00 – 7:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 – 5:00 PM

San Francisco, CA, May 12, 2010 – SOMArts Cultural Center's Main Gallery Exhibitions and Programs presents "Totally Unrealistic: the art of abstraction," an investigation into the concepts and forms of abstract artwork by Cecil C. Childress (<http://www.tazioart.com>), Ralph Joachim, and Marilyn Kuksh (<http://www.kuksht.com>). Sculptor Kuksh transforms iron and steel into twisting and arching abstract forms that represent a massive history of American post-minimal metal sculpture. The work of Childress and Joachim, both painters, provide counterpoints to the weighty metal works of Kuksh, enticing the viewer to consider the concept, diversity, value, and meaning in abstract art today.

SOMArts Curator and Gallery Director Justin Hoover commented that the artwork featured in *Totally Unrealistic*, "highlights a dynamic group of artists representing a larger community ethos, one founded in the 60's and continuing today. It invites one to explore the depth and range of their own response to a world based on color, texture and form."

Totally Unrealistic was selected for the Main Gallery by SOMArts' previous gallery director, Betsie Miller-Kusz and highlights local talent such as Marilyn Kuksh who maintains a studio situated in the historic Hunter's Point Shipyards, one of San Francisco's largest art studio facilities. Kuksh is a longtime member of ArtSpan and Open Studios, showing her work with this organization since 1992.

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Main Gallery Exhibitions & Programs in July also feature "Night Light: Multimedia Garden Party," a one-night only multimedia installation with abstract film, video and sound installations curated by Justin Hoover: Saturday June 17, 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM. Suggested donation \$10 to \$5, no one turned away.

For more information about July exhibitions programs, 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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934 Brannan St, San Francisco, CA 94103

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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