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The Somerville Arts Council presents a Nibble/ArtsUnion event: **Ignite: A Global Street Food & Fire Festival**



Sat, August 10th
6-10:30pm
(Rain date: 8/11)

Union Square,
Somerville

\$2 donation



About the Event — it's B.Y.O.W.B!

To celebrate Union Square's sizzling food landscape we bring you: Ignite, an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a raucous celebration of global culture.

In addition to many local food vendors, there will be: food demos, including a presentation from the Nibble Kitchen; food-themed activities, featuring a flaming curry eating contest (ongoing, with a sit-down curry speed eating contest at 7:30); numerous performers (see lineup on next page), and to top it all off, salsa dance instruction directly followed by a festival-wide dance party to close out the night! And please don't forget to B.Y.O.W.B (bring your own water bottle), as the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be bringing their Quench Buggy to Ignite! You will be able to fill up your water bottle as many times as you want at the Quench Buggy, which will be located at the heart of the festival.

About Nibble:

A Somerville Arts Council initiative that includes market tours, cooking classes, food festivals, and the Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program. And coming soon this summer, expect a Nibble kitchen with a rotating menu at Bow Market in Union Square! Nibble Kitchen will provide a space for entrepreneurs who are predominantly female and hail from our rich immigrant communities to test out restaurant concepts in a low-risk environment before launching independent businesses. Nibble supports immigrant communities, celebrates cultural exchange and spurs cultural and economic development.

About ArtsUnion: A Spotlight on the Culture and Diversity of Union Square

Now in its 14th year, ArtsUnion has been instrumental in reinvigorating the artistic and business landscape of Union Square. ArtsUnion presents numerous events and markets, and leads cultural tours. In addition, ArtsUnion has commissioned temporary art installations, commissioned artisans to fabricate street furniture and has been instrumental in creating zoning incentives for arts-related development in the square. The Somerville Arts Council and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development created ArtsUnion, in partnership with numerous other local organizations through funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's John and Abigail Adams Program and the City of Somerville.



Curated by the Somerville Arts Council, City of Somerville, Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor

Fire Square Performance Area

(in Union Square Plaza parking lot)

6:00 PM Karate Master Brad presents a Shaolin Kempo Karate demonstration. Master Brad Rogers from Villari's Martial Arts Center has been studying Karate for over 24 years, and invites everyone to participate in his demonstration.

6:30 PM Global Food Demos — join 4 local chefs as they demonstrate how to make some delectable dishes! Representatives from the Nibble Kitchen will also be on-hand for a preview of the soon-to-open brick & mortar restaurant.

7:30 PM Flaming Curry Challenge — Masala Square and the Somerville Arts Council's Nibble program are teaming up to host our first ever Flaming Curry Challenge! Four finalists will compete to see who can eat a whole plate of flaming curry first!

7:40 PM Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts
Asociación Carnavalesca de Massachusetts brings the colorful tradition of Dominican culture.

8:00 PM TO BE ANNOUNCED

8:50 PM The main event: Boston Circus Guild Fire Performance!

9:20 PM Salsa Dance Instruction and Festival-Wide Dancy Party with MetaMovements and DJ Francois! MetaMovements will teach us all the basic salsa moves with a 10 minute dance workshop. This will be followed by a full-on salsa dance party!

Tiger Head Performance Area

(in Union Square Plaza, throughout the evening)

Magic with Bob Filene, belly dancing, a performance by Mexican Son Jarocho band El Huateque where audience participation is greatly encouraged, an interactive roving art activity by Katya Popova and Carey Lu dubbed "Recycle Hobo," and so much more!

Dining Court & Somerville Flea

(Parking lot behind the Independent restaurant, all evening)

Music by Amy Kucharik from 6:00-8:30 PM, foodcourt seating, and a dozen craft vendors curated by the fabulous Somerville Flea.

Throughout the festival

Ongoing over the course of the evening, the Flaming Curry Challenge booth will be giving festival-goers tastes of some of the spiciest curries on the menu at Masala Square! If you can withstand the heat administered at the booth by the Nibble heat specialists, sign up to be one of the four finalists who will compete head-to-head at the main curry eating contest. In addition, there will be a photo booth, caricatures, face painting, tarot card reading, a roving puppet performance by Swishy Fishies, and much more!

Food Vendors Include

Pikliz International Kitchen, Casa B, Union Square Pizza, El Mineirao, Machu Chicken, Tasty Momo, Siam Ginger, 7ate9 Bakery, Gracie's Ice Cream, Masala Square, Dakzen, and the Arts Council's Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurs (Bolivian cold drinks, cheesy quinoa balls, and over-the-top Brazilian hot dogs!).



From top to bottom: Carnavalesca, Boston Circus Guild, Metamovements Salsa Party, the Ignite crowd.

