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Good Times

Eat Your Heart Out

It turns out that LACE, one of L.A.'s more valuable alternative spaces, is threatened by CETA cutbacks since most of their staff are Title VI participants. To keep their valuable programs alive, they've organized a major fundraiser around everyone's favorite cravings: food and sex. The St. Valentine's Extravaganza and Erotic Edible Art Show will begin on bad luck Friday, February 13, but there's good luck in a lecture on "food images in art" by nationally prominent critic Melinda Wertz. The lecture will

be followed by performance artist Anna Homler and her "deliciously famous cake art act." (Is this the latest thing since trained poodles?) Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. (the very best time to exercise!), physical fitness instructor and art collector Michael Salerno will tighten and tuck, stretch and smooth away all manner of unsightly body lumps with his sexercises. It's a good way to work off extra Valentine calories, but beware . . . you may never get into jogging again. Saturday night from 7:30 on, a giant display of erotic edible art will include embracing chocolate figs, heart-shaped beefsteaks and licorice whips (Oh my!). A number of artists have contributed valentine gifts and artwork for sale and auction, including Charles Arnoldi, Roland Reiss, Laddie Dill, Joe Fay, Carole Caroompas and Margaret Neilson. Also, there will be a peek-a-booth with artists' videotapes, a hot line featuring French whispers and heavy breathing, and special raffle prizes that include an evening's accommodation and dinner for two at the Bonaventure, lunch at Michael's in Santa Monica, theater tickets and other prizes. The money raised will be used to match NEA grants and to help

LACE continue to serve the developing art scene downtown. Admission is \$4 both evenings (\$3 for members). The Salerno sexercises are \$10 (\$5 for members), and you should bring your own mat.

—Hunter Drohojowska