



## **OLAMAIE TO HOST BRUNCH WITH FESTIVAL AUTHOR AND CHEF KENNY GILBERT TO BENEFIT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 12**

*Olamaie to Host Special Three-Course Brunch With World-Renowned Author of  
Southern Cooking, Global Flavors*

**WHAT:** Texas Book Festival, in partnership with Central Market, is thrilled to collaborate with Olamaie to host world-renowned Chef Kenny Gilbert for an exclusive brunch on Sunday, November 12, at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are on sale for \$140 per person and include a three-course brunch featuring recipes by Chef Michael Fojtasek, adapted from Gilbert's *Southern Cooking, Global Flavors* cookbook. Every ticket includes one signed copy of the cookbook along with a cocktail and a three-course brunch. Proceeds help support Texas Book Festival's programs.

The morning will kick off with passed appetizers and cocktails from Olamaie, with Chef Gilbert on site to welcome and mingle with guests. Diners will then enjoy brunch courses interspersed with remarks from chefs Gilbert and Fojtasek and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Chef Gilbert brings over 20 years of professional experience in the food and beverage industry, with his love for cooking beginning at the young age of 7 when he grew fascinated by the grill from watching his father barbecue. Since then, Gilbert participated in the seventh season of Bravo's *Top Chef*, and has traveled the world, staging in some of the top restaurants in Japan, Spain, France and the Caribbean. From banquets to pastries, club and restaurant design to bar and lounge concepts, Gilbert's innovative and creative approach to the restaurant and hospitality industries is unmatched. His passion for herbs and spices and the fusion of Caribbean flavors make for an exciting, fresh perspective on traditional Southern cuisine.

Drawing on his experiences cooking around the world and as the private chef of Oprah Winfrey, Chef Gilbert revisits his Southern cooking roots in *Southern Cooking, Global Flavors* by reimagining iconic dishes of the American South with bold international flavors.

Gilbert will also be participating in the 2023 Texas Book Festival. Schedule details will be available on the Texas Book Festival website in early October.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [this link](#).

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Olamaie | 1610 San Antonio Street, Austin, TX 78701

**TICKETS:** \$140 | Includes three-course brunch and signed copy of *Southern Cooking, Global Flavors*

**WEBSITE:**

[www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-book-festival-brunch-at-olamaie-tickets-720914914917?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-book-festival-brunch-at-olamaie-tickets-720914914917?aff=oddtcreator)

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**ABOUT TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL**

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas and imagination. Founded in 1995 by former first lady Laura Bush, Mary Margaret Farabee and a group of volunteers, the nonprofit Texas Book Festival promotes the joys of reading and writing through its annual Festival Weekend, the Reading Rock Stars Title I elementary school program, the Real Reads Title I middle and high school program, grants to Texas libraries and year-round literary programming. This year's Texas Book Festival will take place from Nov. 11–12, with events taking place in downtown Austin and at the Texas Capitol, featuring renowned authors, panels, book signings and activities. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors and volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Learn more at [texasbookfestival.org](http://texasbookfestival.org).