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Olamaie Hosts Fundraising Brunch for Texas Book Festival with Cookbook Author Khushbu Shah, November 17

(Austin, Texas) - The 2024 [Texas Book Festival](#) will host distinguished food writer and cookbook author Khushbu Shah for a fundraising brunch collaboration with Olamaie Executive Chef Michael Fojtasek on Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 a.m. Brunch tickets, on sale [now](#), include a signed copy of Shah's debut cookbook, *Amrikan*, and three Olamaie-original courses, inspired by Shah's recipes. The special brunch event takes place during the 29th annual festival weekend.

[Amrikan](#), Shah's debut cookbook, features 125 recipes influenced by the Indian Diaspora. The book is a collection of thoughtful and flavor-packed recipes acquired from her own experiences where, in her words, "the main ingredient is the Indian American culinary lexicon."

The event will start with appetizers served by Olamaie, and guests can socialize with Shah throughout the afternoon. Shah has traveled across the U.S. as the restaurant editor of *Food and Wine* magazine. Her work can be found in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *GQ*, *Eater.com*, and more.

Tickets are \$135 and include a signed copy of *Amrikan*. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended; sales close on November 8. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

Executive Chef Michael Fojtasek says, "We're very excited to host Khushbu Shah and *Amrikan* at Olamaie for The Texas Book Festival. The book is beautiful and approachable. It's exciting to share a cookbook that reflects the multitude of influences experienced by Khushbu. We believe Southern American food contains similar types of opportunities for all of us to celebrate the diversity that is our nation."

This event is sponsored by Central Market and Olamaie. The Texas Book Festival is presented by H-E-B. Other major sponsors include Brigid Cockrum and Family, Tejemos Foundation, Tres Grace Family Foundation, Tocker Foundation, *Kirkus Reviews*, Still Water Foundation, The Rea

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About Texas Book Festival

With a vision to inspire Texans of all ages to love reading, [Texas Book Festival](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) 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 November 16 and 17, with events happening 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.