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Headline-grabbing Cookbook Authors to Present in Central Market Cooking Tent
James Beard Award winner John Currence and Naomi Duguid unveil their latest books

Central Market will host a notable array of culinary authors and chefs at the Central Market Cooking Tent during the 2016 Texas Book Festival.

Many of this year's featured speakers are nationally renowned as award-winning authors, chefs and restaurateurs. From tastes of Texas and beyond, the Central Market Cooking Tent schedule of presentations will provide a unique opportunity to learn what's new in the culinary world. Look for an impressive variety of cooking demonstrations and discussions throughout both days of the much-loved festival.

The 2016 festival marks Central Market's eighth year supporting the Texas Book Festival Cooking Tent. The event is free and open to the public. **Please see the schedule below for Saturday, Nov. 5 and Sunday, Nov. 6.**

Central Market Cooking Tent schedule and author information:

SATURDAY

10:00-10:45 The United Tastes of Texas

Author: Jessica Dupuy

Smoked brisket, chicken fried steak, skillet cornbread, tortilla soup - hungry yet? Don't miss fourth-generation Texan and award-winning writer Jessica Dupuy as she makes mouths water from the

Panhandle to the Gulf Coast, the Chisos to the Piney Woods, with a recipe from *United Tastes of Texas: Authentic Recipes from All Corners of the Lone Star State*.

11:30-12:15 All Hail the Queen of Tex-Mex!

Author: Sylvia Casares

Learn the best from the Queen of Tex-Mex! Houston's own famed restaurateur Sylvia Casares is here to wow us with her wonderful ways of snapping our favorite Tex-Mex dishes into fresh, fabulous, flavor-popping new must-have meals with a recipe from *The Enchilada Queen Cookbook: Enchiladas, Fajitas, Tamales, and More Classic Recipes from Texas – Mexico Border Kitchens*. All hail the queen!

1:00-1:45 From My Mad Hungry Family To Yours

Author: Lucinda Scala Quinn

Are you at the helm of a mad hungry family? Lucinda Scala Quinn is here to help with *Mad Hungry Family: 120 Essential Recipes to Feed the Whole Crew*. From appearances on PBS to Martha Stewart Living to her own Mad Hungry headquarters for home cooks, Quinn is an expert at satisfying any appetite. Learn from the best!

2:30-3:15 Classic German Baking

Author: Luisa Weiss

Stollen, lebkuchen, strudel - let's get baking! Blogger and author Luisa Weiss—born in Berlin to an Italian mother and American father, and married into a family of bakers with roots in Saxony—shares her mastery with a scrumptious recipe from *Classic German Baking: The Very Best Recipes for Traditional Favorites, from Pfeffernüsse to Streuselkuchen*.

4:00-4:45 Tacos of Texas

Authors: Mando Rayo and Jarod Neece

Don't miss taco journalists Mando Rayo and Jarod Neece with the most anticipated cookbook in Texas history – *The Tacos of Texas!* Mando and Jarod traveled the state in search of the best tacos and the stories behind them. Think you know how to taco? You'd better be here!

SUNDAY

11:00-11:45 Taco Scientists Present: The Taco Cleanse

Authors: Stephanie Bogdanich, Jessica Morris, Molly Frisinger and Wes Allison

How many tacos have you had today? One? Two? Three? That's not enough! You are clearly suffering from taco-deficiency. Fortunately, we have a team of Taco Scientists ready to intervene with a lesson from *The Taco Cleanse: The Tortilla-Based Diet Proven to Change Your Life*. Heal thyself. Don't miss this. (Yes, we said Taco Scientists.)

12:30-1:15 Taste of Persia

Author: Naomi Duguid

Naomi Duguid, world traveler and award-winning author of the acclaimed cookbook *Burma*, is our ambassador today to the powerful flavors, riveting tales and ancient history of the Middle East.

She'll demonstrate a recipe from her latest culinary cultural adventure, *Taste of Persia: A Cook's Travels Through Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, and Kurdistan*, which brings vibrant, diverse regions to life on our plates.

2:00-2:45 Big Bad Breakfast**Author: John Currence**

James Beard Award winner, Top Chef Masters contestant, and acclaimed author of *Pickles, Pigs, and Whiskey* is here with *Big, Bad, Breakfast: The Most Important Book of the Day*, a fun, festive, highly caffeinated ode to the joys and rituals of the Southern breakfast. Grab the salt, pass the ketchup and let's tackle the most important meal of the day!

3:30-4:15 Celebrate Good Food, Come On!**Author: Jenny Rosenstrach**

We're having a party with blogger and bestselling author of *Dinner: A Love Story: It all Begins at the Family Table*, Jenny Rosenstrach! She'll show us how to whip up a culinary celebration for any occasion, based on her new book, *How to Celebrate Everything: Recipes and Rituals for Birthdays, Holidays, Family Dinners, and Every Day In Between*.

For more information on the authors who will appear at the Central Market Cooking Tent, please visit www.texasbookfestival.org.

About the Texas Book Festival:

The 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 one-day Texas Teen Book Festival, the Reading Rock Stars program, grants to Texas libraries, youth fiction writing contest, and year-round literary programming. The Festival is held on the grounds of the Texas Capitol each fall and features more than 280 renowned authors, panels, book signings, live music, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities. The 2016 Texas Book Festival Weekend will take place on November 5 and 6, and the 2016 Texas Teen Book Festival will be held on October 1. Thanks to generous donors, sponsors, and 1,000 volunteers, the Festival remains free and open to the public. Visit www.texasbookfestival.org for more information, and join the conversation using the hashtag #txbookfest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @texasbookfest

About Central Market:

Central Market's open, serpentine-flow, full view European-style layout offers a completely new food shopping experience. A bountiful produce department with unmatched quality and variety, an 80-foot seafood case with selections from throughout the world, hundreds of cheeses, 2,500 wine labels, stupendous specialty grocery aisles with delights from every continent, and a world class cooking school featuring hands-on instruction are among the features that make the Central Market experience unique. <http://www.centralmarket.com>

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