



Chef Ryan Ellison from Mulvaney's B&L prepares "Frushi Sushi" (2023)



Cooking Theatre Stage (2023)



Ingredients & Supplies, Theatre Backstage

Share your enthusiasm and knowledge for all things food and cooking at the California State Fair! Promote your restaurant, food truck, cookbook, cultural cuisine, web blog, healthy lifestyle message, or personal passion. Our goal is to educate over a half-million annual Fair Guests in the internationally-awarded Save Mart Supermarkets California's Kitchen exhibit.

The Cooking Theatre is a 3-kitchen, cooking-show-style set with an MC, seated audience, power and amplified sound. A stocked pantry, refrigeration, wash station, and common home kitchen equipment are backstage. Your ingredients are provided by our generous sponsor, Save Mart Supermarkets.

APPLICATIONS: Demonstrations are booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Space is limited, apply today! Accepted applicants are called for final scheduling, and will be sent the remaining required forms. There is no cost for application or reservation.

DATES: July 11-27, 2025, during the California State Fair

STAGE TIMES: Monday-Thursday: 6pm-8pm
Friday-Sunday: 12pm-8pm
Stage time slots are 1 hour, call the coordinator for longer stage times

LOCATION: Save Mart Supermarkets California's Kitchen, Building B, Cal Expo
1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815

REQUIRED FORMS: In addition to this application, we also require the following forms: Letter of Understanding, Megan's Law, Credentials Request, and Ingredients Request

AVAILABLE SUPPLIES: Pots, pans, bakeware, basic kitchen utensils, small appliances

AVAILABLE INGREDIENTS: Save Mart Supermarkets is our Kitchen sponsor and will supply available ingredients based on the information you will submit on your Ingredients Request Form. To browse products available at Save Mart visit <https://www.savemart.com/shop-home>.

PLEASE BRING:

- Any specialty equipment such as good knives, pressure canners, electric woks, etc.
- Any specialty ingredients not available at Save Mart Supermarkets
- Your fanciest and flashiest apron or chef's jacket and your positive and outgoing personality!

SOUND: The Cooking Theatre has 3 wireless headsets

EMCEE: Our MC, Michael Marks, "Your Produce Man," is available at the Cooking Theatre to help prompt dialogue between you and the audience. His job is to make sure you have fun and look good onstage. He is great!



FOOD SAFETY: The Save Mart Supermarkets California's Kitchen exhibit is regularly inspected by the Health Department throughout the course of the Fair. Demonstrators are responsible for knowing and abiding by food safety standards. Kitchen staff can assist with questions. Closed-toe shoes required and long hair must be tied back or under a hat.

SAMPLING: Guests love samples! Because our kitchen is inspected, food prepared onstage can be sampled out. Samples are portioned backstage by fair staff. You may also pass out samples of other recipes/products, as long as they were prepared and/or packaged in an inspected commercial facility.

EQUIPMENT DELIVERY: You may drive your vehicle right up to the building during delivery hours: Mon-Thu 2:30pm-3:30pm, Fri-Sun 8:30am-9:30am.

LOAD OUT: for loading out equipment at times other than the morning delivery windows, please ask the coordinator. Golf cart assistance is available, please arrange in advance.

CREDENTIALS: Admission and Parking Credentials will be provided to guest chefs and any assistants for use on the day of the demonstration. A hand stamp is required for re-entry. Parking Credentials allow one entry by a vehicle into the demonstrator parking area.

SALES: No sales are permitted in the Cooking Theatre. For sales opportunities, apply for one or more days in a CA Kitchen [Taster's Row Booth](#), or apply to be a 17-day [Commercial Vendor](#) or [Concessionaire](#).

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2025 Save Mart California's Kitchen Cooking Theatre Application

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Name of Promoted Business/Organization/YouTube Channel/Etc.	
Contact Person	
Phone Number	Cell Phone Number <i>(for day of presentation)</i>
Mailing Address	
City	State, Zip Code
Email Address	
Website	

Availability: Indicate preferred dates:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Stage Hours: Fri-Sun: 11am-8pm; Mon-Thu: 6pm-8pm					July 11	July 12
July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19
July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
July 27						

Demonstration Title changes due June 30
General Description of Demonstration

Time of Day Preferred

(check all that apply)

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening

Number of Demonstrations

Due to the abbreviated hours of the 2025 CA State Fair, demonstrators will be scheduled for one stage appearance.