



TRICK OR TREAT! FOOD NETWORK CANADA DELIVERS FRIGHTS AND DELIGHTS WITH IRRESISTIBLE HALLOWEEN PROGRAMMING

#1 Program* Halloween Wars Returns September 30 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

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TORONTO, September 11, 2018 – This fall, Food Network Canada celebrates the most wicked and mouthwatering holiday with 20 new hours of Halloween programming. Deliciously haunting programs include Food Network Canada's #1 program Halloween Wars*, Top 5 program Halloween Baking Championship* and all new series Haunted Gingerbread Showdown. Spooky specials filled with thrills and chills include Road to Halloween Wars and Freaky Sweets, plus a Halloween-themed episode of Guy's Grocery Games with host Guy's Grocery Games with host

New Halloween seasons and specials include:

Halloween Baking Championship, Season 4 (6x60min) New season premieres September 24 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Comedian **John Henson**, along with judges **Carla Hall, Lorraine Pascale**, and **Zac Young** test out the country's top bakers, who battle it out to create Halloween's spookiest and most irresistible treats. From creepy-crawly desserts to towering confections of terror, these bakers must prove their skills to a panel of over-the-top and costumed judges in order to land the \$25,000 prize and the title of Halloween Baking Champion.

Road to Halloween Wars (1x60min)

New special premieres Sunday, September 30 at 8 p.m. ET/PT

Halloween Wars is back with more aspiring Halloween warriors looking to join the battle than ever before. The kitchen is set, the judges are ready. Now all they need are 18 of the best pumpkin carvers and cake and sugar artists in the world. In the weeks and months before they ever set foot in the Halloween Wars kitchen, these gleefully ghoulish geniuses hone their crafts with dreams of victory and a \$50,000 grand prize. Follow the Halloween Wars crew as they travel coast to coast – and even out of the country – to find the artists who have what it takes to compete.

Halloween Wars, Season 8 (5x60min)

New season premieres September 30 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Hosted by **Jonathan Bennett**, *Halloween Wars* features teams of cake decorators, candy makers and amazing pumpkin carvers. These masters of confection unite to prove they are the best in order to walk home with a big cash prize and scare viewers' pants off with some of the most amazing horror tales. Each teams' creations are judged by award-winning cake decorator **Shinmin Li**, horror film special effects master **Todd Tucker**, and a

rotating panel of celebrity guest judges, including movie director **Mick Garris**, **Gaten Matarazzo** (*Stranger Things*), and more.

Haunted Gingerbread Showdown (4x60min)

New series premieres October 7 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

Ghosts, goblins ... and gingerbread?! In this four-part competition hosted by **Sandra Lee**, nine of the best gingerbread artists in the country craft spooky gingerbread creations celebrating things that go bump in the night. Three winners will compete in the finale for a chance to be featured in Food Network Magazine and win a \$25,000 prize - the ultimate Halloween treat!

Freaky Sweets (2x30min)

New special premieres in October 14 at 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. ET/PT

In the new special *Freaky Sweets*, custom cake artist **Barbarann Kym** and her team have their work cut out for them when they're asked to build a classic horror movie-inspired cake for 500 fans at the Crypticon Convention. Barbarann and her team also receive a spooky request to build a haunted, talking doll cake for the Seattle Museum of Haunted History's 13th anniversary party.

Best of: Halloween Baking Championship (1x60min) New special premieres October 21 at 8 p.m. ET/PT

Comedian **John Henson** takes a sugar-fueled look back at some of the most outrageous moments and disgustingly delicious desserts of *Halloween Baking Championship*, including creepy-crawly critters, bloodiest baking, spine-tingling ingredients, comedy of horrors and top ten judges' costumes. This frightfully entertaining compilation of countdowns, diabolical desserts and over-the-top baking celebrates the competition's most exhilarating and hilarious moments.

Halloween Cake-Off (1x60min)

New special premieres in October 28 at 8 p.m. ET/PT

Four professional bakers face-off in an unconventional competition hosted by cake master **Duff Goldman** to find out who is the master of creating the most ghoulish, outlandish and spooky Halloween cakes. The competitors have to prove their expertise both in the studio and in their own bakeries, and the baker whose cakes most impress judges **Waylynn Lucas** and **Pichet Ong** in all the competition categories – presentation, transformation and taste – is crowned the winner.

Guy's Grocery Games - Guy's Ghostly Games (1x60min) New episode premieres October 31 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

It's Halloween in Flavourtown as four chefs do battle in a three-round fright fest. First, the chefs must include **Guy Fieri**'s "red fright special" in their creepy comfort food dish. Then, they're challenged with making a midnight snack using only ingredients they can fit in a tiny trick-or-treat bucket. A cobwebbed food pyramid decides which spooky ingredients the final two chefs must feature in their haunted high-end dinner. Only the bravest chef will make it to the shopping spree and shop Flavourtown for up to \$20,000.

Additional new series and episodes debuting this fall include:

Baked in Vermont, Season 1 (6x30min)

New series premieres September 22 at 11:30am ET/8:30am PT

Acclaimed baker, teacher and cookbook author **Gesine Prado** believes anyone can bake. From sweet cakes, cookies and pies to savory meals, she's sharing tips from her Vermont farmhouse that show how baking can be easy, accessible and fun.

Chopped, Season 38 (9x10min)

New episodes premiere September 25 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Acclaimed cookbook author and lifestyle expert, **Martha Stewart**, joins as a new recurring judge in *Chopped*, where chefs from across the country battle it out over three rounds utilizing a basket of mystery ingredients.

Bite Club, Season 1 (6x60min)

New series premieres October 18 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

Tyler Florence brings together five of a city's most talented chefs to battle it out in a restaurant they've never cooked in before. Through a game of chance, two of these local chefs become the judges and the other three compete to become the hometown champion. The competing chefs must incorporate secret ingredients into their dishes, and they also have access to whatever else they can find in the restaurant's kitchen. When five of the hottest chefs from the same city are pitted against each other, the result is fierce competition, explosive rivalry and intense hometown pride in the quest to be named their city's Bite Club Champion.

For more information and to watch new episodes each week after broadcast, visit FoodNetwork.ca.

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