



**CORUS STUDIOS *GREAT CHOCOLATE SHOWDOWN*
RETURNS FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF SWEET VICTORY
STARTING FEBRUARY 22 AT 10 P.M. ET/PT ON FOOD
NETWORK CANADA**

Ten Talented Bakers Enter the Competition Vying for the \$50,000 Grand Prize and Title of *Great Chocolate Showdown* Champion

Purdys Chocolatier Returns as the Official Chocolate Sponsor of *Great Chocolate Showdown*

Great Chocolate Showdown to Join The CW Network Schedule in 2021

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(L-R): *Great Chocolate Showdown*'s judging panel: Cynthia Stroud, Anna Olson and Steve Hodge. Image Courtesy of Food Network Canada.

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TORONTO, February 1, 2021 – [Great Chocolate Showdown](#), a Top 10 program on Food Network Canada last Spring,* returns with a fresh batch of 10 home bakers who will be put to the ultimate test in a battle for sweet victory. Each week the competitors will be tasked with creative and indulgent chocolate-based challenges where they must create treats and ooey-goopy delicious desserts that impress the esteemed judging panel. Purdys Chocolatier returns as the official chocolate sponsor for *Great Chocolate Showdown*, providing the bakers with a pantry stocked with their premium chocolates. The second season of *Great Chocolate Showdown* premieres **February 22 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on Food Network Canada**.

The renowned judging panel at the helm of *Great Chocolate Showdown* is comprised of television personality and best-selling cookbook author [Anna Olson](#) ([Junior Chef Showdown](#)), award-winning British cake designer [Cynthia Stroud](#) and prominent pastry chef and chocolatier [Steve Hodge](#) ([Project Bakeover](#)). Each week the bakers must pull out all the stops to ensure that their chocolate creations are a feast both for the judges' eyes and taste buds.

This season's group of talented bakers range in age and come from a wide variety of backgrounds, all united by one common passion: chocolate! Featured challenges will include designing a dynamic chocolate sculpture, creating a solar system cake using a mirror glaze finish, taking a trip down memory lane by reimagining retro desserts, and more. In the end, only three bakers will head to the finale, taking on the biggest chocolate challenge of their lives.

[The competitors](#) entering the kitchen in a bid to earn this season's title of *Great Chocolate Showdown* champion and win the \$50,000 grand prize are:

- **Sheldon Taylor-Timothy**, 30 – Rehabilitation Assistant and Bouncer
- **Richard Martemucci**, 56 – Retiree
- **Tam Truong**, 42 – Real Estate Appraiser
- **Latice Williams**, 37 – Dental Office Manager
- **Jujhar Mann**, 21 – Student
- **Raphael Nishida**, 32 – Commercial Operations Manager
- **Sabby Atta**, 25 – IT Manager
- **Abbey White**, 34 – Retail Operations Specialist
- **Atikah Mohamed**, 35 – Campus Administrator
- **Ginny Lepp**, 59 – Civil Servant

Purdys Chocolatier returns as the official chocolate sponsor for *Great Chocolate Showdown*. The pantry will be well-equipped with a wide range of Purdys chocolates which will be at the bakers' fingertips all season long. Crafted from sustainable cocoa, featured items include Himalayan Pink Salt Caramels, Ruby Pralines, White Chocolate Mango, Sweet Georgia Browns, Milk Chocolate Hedgehogs, and more. The brand will also have three integrated episode challenges where their chocolates will help to inspire the bakers to create their own delicious confections.

On foodnetwork.ca, viewers can learn more about the series and its cast and competitors, see exclusive behind-the-scenes photos, recipes and delicious how-tos with the judges after the episodes air.

As [previously announced](#), The CW Network has acquired Corus Studios *Great Chocolate Showdown*, with the series set to air in 2021.

Great Chocolate Showdown is produced by Nikki Ray Media Agency in association with Corus Studios for Food Network Canada. For Nikki Ray Media Agency, Tanya Linton and Mike Sheerin are Executive Producers and Jen Pratt is Series Producer. For Corus Studios and Food Network Canada, Debbie

Brown is Executive in Charge of Production, Krista Look is Director of Original Lifestyle Content and Lisa Godfrey is Senior Vice President of Original Content and Corus Studios.

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