



**YOUNG CHEFS SHOWCASE THEIR CULINARY SKILLS IN  
FOOD NETWORK CANADA'S LATEST COMPETITION SERIES  
*JUNIOR CHEF SHOWDOWN***

The Corus Studios Original Series Premieres April 19 at 9 p.m.  
ET/PT on Food Network Canada

Notable Celebrity Chefs Anna Olson, Lynn Crawford and Jordan  
Andino Join as Judge Mentors

Junior Cooks Compete to Earn the Title of  
*Junior Chef Showdown* Champion, a \$25,000 Prize and a Family  
Vacation from Air Transat



(L-R: Anna Olson, Jordan Andino and Lynn Crawford)  
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**TORONTO, March 12, 2020** – Ready, set, showdown! This April, young Canadian chefs showcase extraordinary talent in the new Corus Studios original show, [Junior Chef Showdown](#) (8x60min). The series features 14 exceptionally skilled cooks with a passion for culinary creations between the ages of

nine and 13. Every week, they are mentored and judged on each challenge and dish by three **Food Network Canada** celebrity chefs: television personality and best-selling cookbook author [Anna Olson](#); chef and owner of Toronto's Ruby Watchco, The Hearth, and award-winning cookbook author, [Lynn Crawford](#); and owner of New York City's Flip Sigi and television personality, [Jordan Andino](#). The contestants are competing for the title of *Junior Chef Showdown* champion, a \$25,000 cash prize and a sunny family vacation courtesy of **Air Transat**. The competition kicks off on **April 19 at 9 p.m. ET/PT** on Food Network Canada.

The [young Canadian cooks](#) set to showcase their culinary skills in the junior chef kitchen are:

- **Audrey, 11**
- **Cesar, 13**
- **Cristian, 10**
- **Elijah, 10**
- **Imal, 10**
- **Kaitlin, 10**
- **Katie, 11**
- **Kinza, 10**
- **Matthew, 10**
- **Mia-Rose, 10**
- **Noah, 11**
- **Nyasia, 9**
- **Patrick, 10**
- **Sophia, 10**



(L-R): Cesar, Imal, Matthew, Nyasia, Patrick, Sophia, Katie, Cristian, Kinza, Mia-Rose, Audrey, Noah, Elijah and Kaitlin.  
Image Courtesy of Food Network Canada.

In each fun-filled episode, the junior chefs face a Skills Test and a Cooking Challenge to determine who leaves the kitchen and who continues in the competition. The kids amaze and astound the judge mentors with their ingenuity and technique as they tackle each challenge, all while cheering on and supporting one another. Throughout the season, the fearless cooks are tasked with creating everything from fresh pasta to hand-whipped meringue, and eggs benedict in limited time. In the series premiere "Ready, Set, Showdown!" airing on Sunday, April 19 at 9 p.m. ET/PT, 14 junior chefs enter the kitchen for their first Skills Test, where they hit the griddle to see who can make the highest stack of pancakes. The best stacks may earn them safety from the upcoming Cooking Challenge. The remaining junior chefs are then tasked to create a chicken dish with three different colourful vegetables from the pantry in 40 minutes. Only those with the best dishes will impress the judges, and earn another week in the competition.

The kid-friendly, culinary creativity continues on [foodnetwork.ca](#) as viewers can take a closer look at the judge mentors and junior chefs with full biographies, galleries, videos and recipes.

*Junior Chef Showdown* will also deliver the culinary excitement to Corus Entertainment's powerhouse kids network **YTV**, airing Wednesdays at **8 p.m. ET** starting **April 22**.

*Junior Chef Showdown* is produced by Proper Television in association with Corus Studios for Food Network Canada. For Proper Television, Cathie James and Lesia Capone are Executive Producers and Jessica Capobianco is Series Producer. For Corus Studios and Food Network Canada, Andrea Griffith is Executive in Charge of Production, Krista Look is Director, Original Lifestyle Content and Lisa Godfrey is Vice President of Original Content, Corus Entertainment.

Food Network Canada can be streamed on the new [Global TV App](#), available now on iOS, Android, Chromecast and at [watch.globaltv.com](http://watch.globaltv.com), and via [STACKTV](#), available on Amazon Prime Video Channels. The network is also available through all major TV distributors, including: Shaw, Shaw Direct, Rogers, Bell, Videotron, Telus, Cogeco, Eastlink and SaskTel.

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