



FOOD NETWORK CANADA ANNOUNCES LINEUP OF CANADA'S CULINARY ELITE VYING TO EARN TOP SPOT IN *TOP CHEF CANADA: ALL-STARS*

Twelve Chefs from Past Seasons of *Top Chef Canada* Return to the Nation's Most Notable Culinary Competition

Top Chef Canada: All-Stars Premieres Sunday, April 2 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on Food Network Canada



From left to right: Curtis Luk, Nicole Gomes, Dennis Tay, Connie DeSousa, Jonathan Korecki, Andrea Nicholson, Todd Perrin, Janet Zuccarini, Mark McEwan, Eden Grinshpan, Chris Nuttall-Smith, Mijune Pak, Jesse Vergen, Trista Sheen, Trevor Bird, Elizabeth Rivasplata, Dustin Gallagher. Photo courtesy of Food Network Canada.

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TORONTO, March 15, 2017 – Canada's most prestigious and high-stakes culinary competition is back with *Top Chef Canada: All-Stars*. For the first time in Canadian franchise history, *Top Chef Canada* brings some of the country's most accomplished chefs from past seasons to battle it out for a chance to earn what has eluded them all: the title of Canada's Top Chef. Twelve all-star chefs compete in cutthroat challenges and receive bold critiques from the judging panel which includes [recently announced](#) host Eden Grinshpan, head judge chef Mark McEwan and esteemed resident judges Chris Nuttall-Smith, Mijune Pak, and Janet Zuccarini. This season, the returning chefs unpack their knives and fight for

a chance to win a \$100,000 grand prize courtesy of *Interac* Flash and a Monogram kitchen valued at over \$25,000. *Top Chef Canada: All-Stars* premieres **Sunday, April 2 at 10 p.m. ET/PT** on **Food Network Canada**.

Meet the 12 chefs returning to the *Top Chef Canada* kitchen for a second chance at winning it all:

- [Connie DeSousa](#) – Season 1, Calgary, AB.
- [Dustin Gallagher](#) – Season 1, Toronto, ON.
- [Andrea Nicholson](#) – Season 1, Toronto, ON.
- [Todd Perrin](#) – Season 1, Quidi Vidi Village, NL.
- [Trevor Bird](#) – Season 2, Vancouver, BC.
- [Jonathan Korecki](#) – Season 2, Ottawa ON.
- [Curtis Luk](#) – Season 2, Vancouver, BC.
- [Elizabeth Rivasplata](#) – Season 2, Toronto, ON.
- [Trista Sheen](#) – Season 2, Toronto, ON.
- [Nicole Gomes](#) – Season 3, Calgary, AB.
- [Dennis Tay](#) – Season 3, Toronto, ON.
- [Jesse Vergen](#) – Season 4, Saint John, NB.

Throughout the competition, the chefs serve up refined dishes for acclaimed culinary guest judges including: *Chopped Canada* judges [Lynn Crawford](#), [John Higgins](#), [Susur Lee](#) and [Antonio Park](#); *Sugar Showdown* host [Josh Elkin](#); television personality, cookbook author and restaurateur [Lidia Bastianich](#); culinary superstar, chef and restaurateur [Daniel Boulud](#); chef/owner of Raymonds in downtown St. John's [Jeremy Charles](#); celebrity chef, restaurateur and cookbook author [Maneet Chauhan](#); chef/owner of Montreal's Maison Publique Derek Dammann; food writer and cookbook author [Sabrina Ghayour](#); chef/owner of Montreal's Toqué! and Brasserie T! Normand Laprise; owner of Big Gay Ice Cream Doug Quint, and chef/owner of Toronto's Bar Raval, Bar Isabel and El Rey Mezcal Bar, Grant Van Gameren.

The series extends online with exclusive bonus digital content including: a tour of the brand new *Top Chef Canada* kitchen, behind-the-scenes culinary articles, photo galleries, deleted scenes, prize giveaways and more. For this bonus content as well as competitor and cast biographies and full episodes after they premiere, visit: foodnetwork.ca/topchefcanada.

Top Chef Canada is the homegrown version of the hit Emmy Award-winning NBCUniversal Series *Top Chef* and is produced by Insight Production Company Ltd. in association with Food Network Canada. Executive Producers are John Brunton, Barbara Bowlby, Mark Lysakowski, and Supervising Producer is Eric Abboud.

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