



TOP CHEF CANADA: ALL-STARS TURNS UP THE HEAT

Canada's Illustrious Culinary Competition Returns With New Host and Expert Panel of Resident Judges

Television Personality Eden Grinshpan Hosts Alongside Head Judge Chef Mark McEwan and Esteemed Panel of Resident Judges: Renowned Food Critic Chris Nuttall-Smith, Food Blogger Mijune Pak, and Powerhouse Restaurateur Janet Zuccarini

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From left to right: Chris Nuttall-Smith, Mijune Pak, Mark McEwan, Eden Grinshpan, Janet Zuccarini.
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TORONTO, February 23, 2017 – [Top Chef Canada](#) is back for its fiercest season yet! Turning up the heat for a brand-new season of Canada’s most prestigious and high stakes culinary competition, **Top Chef Canada: All-Stars** kicks off its return by introducing an all-star roster of talent to the judges’ table. Le Cordon Bleu-trained chef and television personality [Eden Grinshpan](#) (*Chopped Canada*) joins as host alongside Head Judge Chef [Mark McEwan](#). Esteemed Resident Judges rounding out the panel include acclaimed restaurant critic and writer [Chris Nuttall-Smith](#); [Mijune Pak](#), food writer and creator of [Follow Me Foodie](#); and powerhouse restaurateur [Janet Zuccarini](#). For the first time in *Top Chef Canada* history, chefs from past seasons return to face cutthroat challenges and bold critiques from Canada’s most refined palates as they battle for the title that has eluded them all. *Top Chef Canada: All-Stars* premieres **Sunday, April 2 at 10 p.m. ET/PT** on [Food Network Canada](#).

“It’s a thrill to release a new, heart-stopping season of *Top Chef Canada*. As the country’s premiere culinary competition it’s one of the network’s long-standing fan-favourite series,” said John MacDonald, Senior Vice President, Women and Lifestyle Content, Corus Entertainment. “We’re excited to have Mark McEwan back as head judge, and welcome new host Eden and resident judges Mijune, Chris and Janet – all top talent in Canada’s elite culinary field, each with their own unique area of expertise.”

“We are so excited that *Top Chef Canada* is back and this time we are bringing the All-Stars!,” said John Brunton, Executive Producer for Insight Productions. “*Top Chef Canada* was a life changing experience for these chefs the first time around and now we can’t wait to see what they cook up for Chef Mark McEwan and our new panel of experts. Viewers won’t want to miss a single dish.”

Meet the *Top Chef Canada: All-Stars* host and judges’ panel:

- [Eden Grinshpan](#), **Host**: Graduate of both cuisine and pastry at Le Cordon Bleu, Eden is a judge on *Chopped Canada* and hosted her own food adventure series *Eden Eats* on Cooking Channel in the U.S.
- [Mark McEwan](#), **Head Judge**: Mark is a revered chef and restaurateur. As a leader in Canada’s food scene, Mark is owner of One Restaurant, Bymark, Fabbrica and McEwan Foods.
- [Chris Nuttall-Smith](#), **Resident Judge**: Chris is a critically-acclaimed food writer and restaurant critic, most recently spending 10 years as a columnist for the *Globe and Mail*.
- [Mijune Pak](#), **Resident Judge**: Mijune runs culinary adventure blog [Follow Me Foodie](#), is a published author and regular food contributor for a variety of Canadian news outlets.
- [Janet Zuccarini](#), **Resident Judge**: Janet is a well-known Toronto restaurateur, owning Toronto hot spots Café Nervosa, Gusto 101 and PAI Northern Thai Kitchen.

This season, returning all-star chefs unpack their knives and come back to fight for a chance to win a \$100,000 grand prize courtesy of *Interac* Flash and a Monogram kitchen valued at over \$25,000. Stay tuned for more information on which all-star chefs are slated to compete in this must-see event.

To learn more about the series, catch up on past seasons and watch episodes online after they premiere, visit www.foodnetwork.ca.

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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