



FOOD NETWORK CANADA SERVES UP A SWEET AND SAVOURY SLATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Canadian Original Series *The Big Bake: Holiday* Debuts on November 4 with Celebrity Chefs Duff Goldman, Nancy Fuller and Joy Wilson as Guest Judges

Top Network Performers Holiday Baking Championship and Christmas Cookie Challenge Return Along with New Series Holiday Wars and Santa's Baking Blizzard

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(L-R: Brad Smith, Eddie Jackson, Harry Eastwood and Duff Goldman)
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TORONTO, October 29, 2019 – It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays on Food Network Canada! This season, the network remains the ultimate holiday destination with an unprecedented 90+ hours of new seasonal programming. Beginning November 4 at 9 p.m. ET/PT, a new season of *Holiday Baking Championship*, the #3 program on the network last fall* premieres followed by Canadian original series *The Big Bake: Holiday* (7x60) at 10 p.m. ET/PT, featuring a winter wonderland collection of magical, sky-high cakes. The network's brand new series dazzle with delicious treats including *Santa's Baking Blizzard* on November 28 at 9 p.m. ET/PT, *The Great Food Truck Race: Holiday Hustle* and *Holiday Wars* on December 1 at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. ET/PT, respectively. New season premieres continue to spread the festive cheer with hit series *Christmas Cookie Challenge*, a Top 5 performer on the network last fall* on November 10 at 9 p.m. ET/PT, and *Holiday Gingerbread Showdown* on December 4 at 10 p.m. ET/PT. Plus, holly, jolly specials including *Teeny Tiny Christmas*, 12 Foods of Christmas, *Ultimate Hanukkah Challenge*, and *Cake-Off: New Year's Eve* join the schedule.

As <u>previously announced</u>, Food Network Canada's seasonally themed baking competition series, *The Big Bake*, decks the halls with *The Big Bake: Holiday*. A celebrity chef guest judge adds holiday sparkle to each episode including **Duff Goldman** (*Kids Baking Championship*), **Nancy Fuller** (*Farmhouse Rules*) and cookbook author **Joy Wilson**. Debuting on **November 4** at **10 p.m. ET/PT**, the new episode "Frosty Friends" showcases teams from across North America: Saskatoon, Sask., Richmond, Ky., and Gary, Ind. as the bakers bring snowy cakes and characters into *The Big Bake* kitchen. For a full list of the competing holiday teams and to learn more about the <u>key cast</u>, please visit <u>foodnetwork.ca</u>.

Food Network Canada's holiday slate includes:

Holiday Baking Championship, Season 6 (8x60)

New season premieres November 4 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

New *Holiday Baking Championship* specials (3x60) premiere November 4 and November 11 at 11 p.m. ET/PT and December 14 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

Hosted by **Jesse Palmer**, *Holiday Baking Championship* sees ten bakers enter the holiday kitchen, where they show off their family traditions and superb baking skills. In order to survive the challenges week-to-week, they must prove their abilities in front of tough-love judges Nancy Fuller, Duff Goldman and **Lorraine Pascale**.

The Big Bake (18x60)

New episodes of The Big Bake: Holiday premiere November 4 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

The Big Bake is a larger-than-life holiday baking competition series with themed Halloween (4x60), holiday (7x60) and spring (7x60) episodes. In each episode, three professional baking teams have five hours to design, bake and decorate a grand-scale cake creation based on a particular theme. These bakers need to think big and bold, blowing up their designs to gigantic proportions and thinking outside the (bakery) box. In the end, the most ambitious, eye-popping and delicious cake will go home with a \$10,000 prize. The Big Bake is hosted by television personality and restaurateur, **Brad Smith**, with resident judges, celebrity chef **Eddie Jackson**, and author and television personality **Harry Eastwood**.

Christmas Cookie Challenge, Season 3 (8x60) New season premieres November 10 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

In *Christmas Cookie Challenge*, five confident and daring bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making skills for the \$10,000 prize. Host Eddie Jackson returns with lead judge **Ree Drummond** and are joined by a rotating panel of guest judges such as **Gesine Prado** and **Aarti Sequeira** to crown the winner.

Santa's Baking Blizzard (4x60)

New series premieres November 28 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

On each episode, **Casey Webb** challenges three teams of the country's most impressive ice sculptors and cake artists to create larger than life Christmas scenes for judges **Jocelyn Delk Adams**, **Amanda**

Freitag and **Zac Young**. Teams must push their limit to bring festive holiday themes to life if they want to ice the competition and sleigh their way into the finale where they will compete for a stocking full of \$25,000.

Teeny Tiny Christmas (1x60)

New special premieres November 30 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Artist **Jay Baron**, known for his viral videos of tiny food, is preparing edible miniature food for the holidays with his wife and sous chef, Lesly. Together they make an entire Christmas meal with festive appetizers and a teeny tiny Christmas ham. They provide a rare behind-the-scenes look at how it's done on a miniature scale.

12 Foods of Christmas (1x60)

New special premieres November 30 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

Ever since their first Christmas song parody "Christmas Jammies" went viral in 2014, **Penn** and **Kim Holderness** and their kids are hoping to create the next sensational Christmas video. As they look for inspiration, they hit the road to try some tasty holiday bites and get answers to famous holiday questions.

The Great Food Truck Race: Holiday Hustle (4x60) New series premieres December 1 at 8 p.m. ET/PT

Hosted by **Tyler Florence**, five aspiring food truck teams hit wintry New England locations in New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island for high-stakes food challenges that test their cooking chops, business skills and selling strategies. The last truck standing wins a holiday prize of \$50,000, while the rest of the teams go home with coal in their stockings.

Holiday Wars (4x60)

New series premieres December 1 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

Hosted by **Jonathan Bennett** alongside judges **Shinmin Li** and **Jason Smith**, *Holiday Wars* brings together talented teams competing in two jolly rounds. The first is the "Snowball Fight" challenge, where the artists must use cake and sugar to create an edible holiday design in just 45 minutes. In the "Winter Blizzard" challenge, the teams are tasked with developing a masterful Christmas display made up entirely of cake and sugar. At the end of the battle, one team will jingle all the way home with a \$25,000 grand prize.

Holiday Gingerbread Showdown, Season 2 (4x60)

New season premieres December 4 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

In *Holiday Gingerbread Showdown*, passionate holiday bakers face off to create the most incredible gingerbread masterpieces for the chance to earn \$25,000 in the grand finale with host **Paige Davis** at the helm.

Ultimate Hanukkah Challenge (1x60)

New special premieres December 21 at 9 p.m. ET/PT

Molly Yeh hosts as four chefs are tested to put their creative spin on some of the holiday's classic dishes. Inspired by the Festival of Lights, four seasoned chefs must pull out all the stops as they craft deliciously innovative dishes for judges Duff Goldman and **Sharone Hakman**. Over the course of three rounds, the chefs must put their spin on holiday classics like crispy potato pancakes, succulent brisket and fried jelly donuts. The last cook standing will win a vacation and the title of Ultimate Hanukkah Champion.

A Very Brady Renovation: Holiday Edition (1x60)

Airs December 24 at 12 p.m. ET/PT

The holiday extravaganza features Food Network Canada's **Ree Drummond** (*The Pioneer Woman*), and **Jasmine Roth** (HGTV Canada's *Hidden Potential*) as they team up with the Brady Bunch cast to whip up 70's-inspired treats, including fondue-style potatoes, a gelatin fruit salad and "santapes." They also create retro DIY decorations to adorn the home in festive Brady Bunch style.

Cake-Off: New Year's Eve (1x60)

New special premieres December 29 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

Four professional bakers from around the country compete in unconventional baking and design challenges where flavor is only the tip of the icing. The bakers must capture change through the years in their innovative New Year's Eve cakes, but there's a catch – the cakes must also transform from old to new. The competitor who wows judges Duff Goldman, **Dan Langan** and **Waylynn Lucas** with the most over-the-top edible work of art will be crowned winner and earn the \$10,000 grand prize.

Food Network Canada's recurring series bring celebratory cheer in November with holiday-themed episodes of *Chopped Jr. Holiday* starting *November 26* and *Guy's Grocery Games Holiday* starting *November 27*. In December, *Chopped Holiday* episodes start *December 3*, *Kids Baking Championship Holiday* debuts on *December 14*, *Chopped New Years* on *December 17*, *Guy's Grocery Games New Year's* begins *December 18*, and *Good Eats Holiday* on *December 21*.

For more scheduling information, recipes and holiday inspiration all season long, visit foodnetwork.ca.

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