



FOOD NETWORK CANADA'S SPRING SCHEDULE BLOOMS WITH A BOUNTIFUL LINEUP OF BRAND NEW SERIES AND RETURNING TOP PERFORMERS

Corus Studios' Standout Series Return with New Seasons: *Project Bakeover* on March 31, *Big Food Bucket List* on April 2 and *Fire Masters* on April 17

New Series *Be My Guest with Ina Garten*, *Cakealikes* and *The Julia Child Challenge* Debut Alongside Returning Fan-Favourites *Chef Boot Camp*, *Spring Baking Championship*, *Top Chef*, *Tournament of Champions*, and more

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L to R: Tiffany Pratt and Steve Hodge of *Project Bakeover*, *Big Food Bucket List* host John Catucci and *Fire Masters* host Dylan Benoit. Images courtesy of Food Network Canada.

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TORONTO, February 24, 2022 – This spring, **Food Network Canada** viewers can look forward to a [lively lineup](#) of new programming and returning top-performing series, providing fresh culinary content all season long. Corus Studios' ***Project Bakeover***, ***Big Food Bucket List*** and ***Fire Masters***, some of the network's top-rated original series, return with new episodes. The schedule continues to bloom with

brand-new programming including ultimate cake design series **Cakealikes**, new daytime series **Be My Guest with Ina Garten** and high-stakes culinary competition **The Julia Child Challenge**. Rounding out the schedule are new seasons of fan-favourite series including **Spring Baking Championship**, **Top Chef**, **Tournaments of Champions** and more.

Spring is a time for renewal and Corus Studios' second season of [Project Bakeover](#) (10x60min), the #1 new Canadian original program on Food Network last spring*, is back to help struggling bakeries do just that. Beginning **Thursday, March 31 at 9 p.m. ET/PT** prominent pastry chef and entrepreneur [Steve Hodge](#) (*Great Chocolate Showdown*) joins forces with beloved **HGTV Canada** designer [Tiffany Pratt](#) to reinvigorate bakeries across the country. In the first episode "Cute Doesn't Pay the Bills," Vancouver, B.C.'s **Kanadell Japanese Bakery** and its owner Keiko are having trouble keeping afloat. Steve will have to help her back on the path to success to keep her sweet dream a reality. Throughout the season, **Wayfair** helps the businesses create a fresh new look by providing them with furnishings and décor for each renovation. The brand is included in active integrations where the design team shops on wayfair.ca, and viewers will be able to "Shop the Look". In the kitchen, Ardent Mills is keeping the pantries stocked with the brand's high-quality flours that assist the businesses in creating top-notch baked goods.

Corus Studios' [Big Food Bucket List](#), (11x30min), the network's #2 Canadian program last spring*, returns **Saturday, April 2 at 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. ET/PT** with host [John Catucci](#) taking viewers on another epic, coast-to-coast journey as he checks buzz-worthy, crazy, delicious food off his bucket list. In each episode, John visits the restaurants behind these must-eat meals and hits the kitchen to learn how the chefs make their mind-blowing creations. The premiere episode, "Bun in A Million" sees John in Newfoundland for some pit cooking and fresh fishcakes. Next, he heads down to Chicago, Ill. to explore Peruvian cuisine, followed by digging his fork into an epic slice of lemon meringue pie in Toronto, ON. **Experience Comox Valley** joins as a sponsor, providing John with recommendations for bucket list-worthy dishes that highlight the inspired coastal cuisine the Comox Valley, B.C. region is famous for.

Corus Studios' grilling competition series [Fire Masters](#) kicks off with blazing hot new episodes beginning **Sunday, April 17 at 7 p.m. ET**. Professional chef [Dylan Benoit](#) returns as host, joined by a rotating panel of expert judges including new additions **Dominique Leach, Jenni Lessard, Roger Mooking** and **Stuart Cameron**. Each episode will challenge three chefs to show off their grilling talents and creativity for a chance to go head-to-head with a renowned judge in the third and final round, fighting for a \$10,000 cash prize and the title of *Fire Masters* Champion. **Napoleon** returns as the exclusive grill sponsor, providing top-of-the-line grilling stations that are engineered to give the ultimate in grilling performance. **Certified Angus Beef®** brand comes back as the exclusive beef provider and sponsors a "Beef Lovers' Feast" integrated challenge, where the competing judge and chef will both spin the Certified Angus Beef® Lovers' Banquet wheel to determine what cut of beef must be used in two dishes during their four-course feast in the final round. **Montana's BBQ & Bar** sponsors a "Montana's Market" area in the pantry, and integrated challenges where winning dishes have the chance to become an "inspired by" menu item at Montana's. Additionally, **Carnivor Wines** joins for an active "Battle of the Reds" integration where the competitors must create a mouthwatering wine and meat pairing.

On **Sunday, February 27 at 9 p.m. ET/PT**, [Guy Fieri](#)'s culinary competition [Tournament of Champions](#) (8x120min), a Top 10 series on the network last spring*, is back and tougher than ever with double the chefs, double the battles, and a staggering cash prize of \$100,000. The competitions continue with [Spring Baking Championship: Easter](#) (6x60min) on **Tuesday, March 1 at 10 p.m. ET/PT** as host **Sunny Anderson** and judges **Jordan Andino** and **Stephanie Boswell** oversee a group of bakers competing to create wonderful Easter-themed baked showpieces. Come **March 14 at 9 p.m. ET/PT**, *Spring Baking Championship* (3x120min, 5x60min), a Top 5 program on Food Network last spring*, returns with host [Molly Yeh](#) overseeing a new group of talented bakers who are tasked to create and elevate springtime desserts to win over esteemed judges **Kardea Brown, Nancy Fuller**, and **Duff Goldman**.

Top 20 overall specialty entertainment program**, [Top Chef](#) is back for Season 19 (14x60min) beginning **March 3 at 10 p.m. ET/PT**. Host **Padma Lakshmi**, head judge **Tom Colicchio**, and **Gail Simmons** see 15 talented chefs come to Houston, Texas for a fierce face-off for the title of Top Chef and the \$125,000

prize. Immediately following *Top Chef*, fans of the series can also visit foodnetwork.ca to catch all-new episodes of *Last Chance Kitchen*, where eliminated chefs compete for a chance to re-enter the *Top Chef* competition. Up next, it's lights, camera, action on **March 21 at 8 p.m. ET/PT** when *Cakealikes* (6x60min) debuts, tasking three talented cake artists with creating life-sized cake replicas of celebrities. The judging panel must determine which "Cakealike" makes the A-list, for a prize totaling \$10,000 and a one-of-a-kind celebrity souvenir.

Highly-anticipated new series *The Julia Child Challenge* (6x60) begins **March 22 at 8 p.m. ET**. Based on the legacy of iconic chef Julia Child, eight top-notch home cooks must compete to find out who has the fire, skill and passion to win the competition series dedicated to all things Julia Child. Beloved Barefoot Contessa [Ina Garten](#) invites friends old and new to her East Hamptons home beginning **March 27 at 10 a.m. ET/PT**. Each episode of *Be My Guest with Ina Garten* will see Ina providing guests such as award-winning actress **Julianna Margulies**, James Beard Award-nominated chef **Erin French**, beloved broadcaster **Willie Geist**, and Hollywood director/producer power couple **Rob Marshall** and **John DeLuca** with great conversation, cocktails and home cooking, as well as visiting some of her favourite local spots. Up next, *Chef Bootcamp* (8x60min) is back on **Wednesday, April 13 at 8 p.m. ET/PT**, with **Cliff Crooks** continuing to assist struggling restaurants and seeing if they have what it takes to turn their businesses around.

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Project Bakeover is produced by eOne with Jocelyn Hamilton and Toby Dormer serving as Executive Producers and Debbie Brown as Food Network Canada's Executive in Charge of Production. *Big Food Bucket List* is produced by Lone Eagle Entertainment with Michael Geddes and Rachel Horvath as Executive Producers, Tanya Blake as Series Producer and Dora Fong as Food Network Canada's Executive in Charge of Production. *Fire Masters* is produced by Nikki Ray Media Agency with Mike Sheerin and Tanya Linton as Executive Producers, Jen Pratt as Co-Executive Producer and Dora Fong as Food Network Canada's Executive in Charge of Production. All series are produced in association with Corus Studios for Food Network Canada. For Corus Studios and Food Network Canada, Krista Look is Vice President of Original Lifestyle Content and Lisa Godfrey is Senior Vice President of Original Content and Corus Studios.

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