



**ttTHE MOST ESTEEMED CULINARY COMPETITION IN THE
COUNTRY, *TOP CHEF CANADA*, DEBUTS SEASON 10
ON SEPTEMBER 26 AT 10 P.M. ET/PT ON
FOOD NETWORK CANADA**

Eleven Chefs Enter the High-Stakes Competition to Vie for the Coveted
Title of Canada's Top Chef

Prominent Chef, Fermenter and Author David Zilber
Joins the Judging Panel

The 10th Season Serves Up Integrated Brand Partnerships with:
Royale Tiger Towel, Lexus, KitchenAid, Glad, DoorDash, Becel and Violife,
Montellier, Campo Viejo and Avocados From Mexico

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Top Chef Canada, Season 10 Key Cast. (L-R): Janet Zuccarini, Mark McEwan, Eden Grinshpan, David Zilber, Chris Nuttall-Smith, and Mijune Pak. Photo Credit: Mike Ford / Food Network Canada.

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TORONTO, August 17, 2022 – Food Network Canada’s esteemed culinary competition, [Top Chef Canada](#), returns for a milestone 10th season featuring fiery new challenges, a roster of exceptionally talented chefs, and the title of Canada’s Top Chef on the line. A Top 20 overall specialty entertainment program in spring ‘21*, this season, dubbed *Top Chef Canada X*, makes its debut on **September 26 at 10 p.m. ET/PT** on Food Network Canada.

Top Chef Canada welcomes acclaimed chef, fermenter and co-author of the best-selling book *The Noma Guide to Fermentation*, **David Zilber** to the judging panel. Since 2004, David has worked in some of the top kitchens around the globe. Most recently, he was the head of the Fermentation Lab at the revolutionary three-Michelin-star restaurant Noma in Copenhagen, ranked as the top restaurant in the world. Joining David at the judging table is the returning cast: chef and cookbook author **Eden Grinshpan** as host, along with judges **Mark McEwan**, chef and owner of The McEwan Group, powerhouse restaurateur **Janet Zuccarini**, food writer and personality **Mijune Pak** and renowned food journalist and critic **Chris Nuttall-Smith**.

Top Chef Canada X is a monumental season featuring chefs from across the country, including the first-ever competitor hailing from the Yukon. In addition to the title of Canada’s Top Chef, the winner will earn the largest reward in *Top Chef Canada* history: a cash prize of \$100,000 provided by **Royale Tiger Towel**, a luxury **Lexus NX**, brand-new kitchen outfitted by **KitchenAid**, an exclusive farm-to-table adventure courtesy of **Glad**, and a \$10,000 cash prize from **DoorDash**.

The professional chefs hoping to secure the title of Canada’s Top Chef are:

- **Martine Bauer**, 36, Toronto, Ont. (Pompette)
- **Tawnya Brant**, 39, Oshweken, Ont. (Yawékon)
- **Kimberly Conway**, 29, Charlottetown, P.E.I. (Brickhouse Kitchen & Bar)
- **Joachim ‘Jo’ Hayward**, 32, Toronto, Ont. (Wynona)
- **Chris Irving**, 40, Whitehorse, Yukon (Private Chef & Consultant)
- **Camilo Lapointe-Nascimento**, 25, Montreal, Que. (Menu Extra)
- **Deseree ‘Dez’ Lo**, 45, Vancouver, B.C. (Marine Drive Golf Club)
- **Vaishnav ‘Vish’ Mayekar**, 30, Vancouver, B.C. (Pepinos & Caffè La Tana)
- **Lindsay Porter**, 36, Edmonton, Alta. (The Common)
- **Trevane ‘Tre’ Sanderson**, 27, Toronto, Ont. (Vela)
- **Monika Wahba**, 32, Toronto, Ont. (Maha’s Restaurant)

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This season promises to reflect on the past nine seasons of the beloved competition series known for showcasing the country’s best chefs and shining a light on the diverse cuisines Canada offers. Throughout the episodes, fans will recognize Quickfire Challenges reimagined from the past, such as the Culinary Skills Race. The chefs will also be challenged to push the boundaries of creativity with a vegan feast and even a trip to the Caribbean, with unexpected twists along the way.

During this season’s fast-paced challenges, culinary personalities and icons joining the *Top Chef Canada* judging panel as guest judges and tasters include:

- **Dale McKay** (*Top Chef Canada* Season 1 winner, Ayden Kitchen & Bar – Saskatoon, Sask.)
- **Andrea Nicholson** (*Top Chef Canada* Season 1 and 5 competitor, Butchie’s – Whitby, Ont.)
- **Adrian Forte** (*Top Chef Canada* Season 8 competitor and cookbook author)
- **Danny Smiles** (*Top Chef Canada* Season 3 finalist, Auberge Willow Inn – Hudson, Que.)
- **The Beaches** (Juno award-winning musicians)
- **Gail Simmons** (Judge, *Top Chef*)

- **George Mendes** (Veranda – New York City, N.Y.)
- **Marcus Samuelsson** (Red Rooster – Harlem, N.Y.)
- **Dwayne De Rosario** (Author & Canadian Soccer Legend)
- **Alvin Leung** (Bo Innovation – Hong Kong)
- **Amanda Cohen** (Dirt Candy – New York City, N.Y.)
- **Cheryl Hickey** (Host, *ET Canada*)
- **Ricardo Larrivé**e (Judge, *Wall of Bakers*, Café RICARDO – Quebec)
- **Dylan Benoit** (Host, *Fire Masters*, Carnivore – Cayman Islands)
- **Daniel Boulud** (DANIEL – New York City, N.Y.)
- **Kerryann Burnett** (The Lobster Pot – Cayman Islands)

An impressive roster of sponsors join the competition with impactful brand partnerships all season long. A grand prize sponsor for the first time, **Royale Tiger Towel** paper towel provides Canada's Top Chef with a \$100,000 cash reward. The brand is also stocked in the locker room and at the chefs cooking stations, assisting them with a tidy prep area each week. In a Quickfire Challenge, Royale Tiger Towel paper towel takes the stress out of the mess, awarding the winner with a \$5,000 prize.

Lexus returns as the official vehicle of Top Chef Canada, as a grand prize sponsor for the third season in a row. This year's winner will drive away with the Lexus NX valued at over \$55,000. The vehicle is also featured in-show where the judges and chefs arrive to Elimination Challenges in luxury, experiencing the exclusive features the Lexus NX has to offer throughout the season.

KitchenAid outfits the entire *Top Chef Canada* kitchen, with top of the line countertop and major appliances to help take the chefs' culinary creations to the next level. As a grand prize sponsor, Canada's Top Chef will be awarded with their own stunning kitchen of KitchenAid appliances valued at approximately \$16,400. KitchenAid is known for colour, so the Quickfire Challenge tests the chefs' ability to incorporate colourful ingredients in their dish. The Quickfire Challenge winner will take home \$5,000 courtesy of KitchenAid.

As the chefs chop, peel and dice their way through each challenge, the new compostable drawstring bags from **Glad** are provided to ensure proper waste-sorting. At each chef's cooking station Glad compostable bags and recycling bags will be featured throughout the season. In addition, the brand contributes to the grand prize, awarding the winner with a unique farm-to-table experience valued at \$10,000.

Ensuring that the chefs keep track of time throughout each challenge, **DoorDash** sponsors the digital clock in the *Top Chef Canada* kitchen. Additionally, the brand sponsors the iconic Restaurant Wars Challenge, taking on the added task of handling the rush of delivery and takeout orders on top of the dining room service, and with a \$5,000 prize at stake. In an Elimination Challenge that will provide the chefs with an opportunity to showcase their breadth of skill, a vegan feast is sponsored by **Becel** and **Violife**, featuring their line of plant-based products. The winner with the best progressive tasting menu will be awarded a \$5,000 prize courtesy of Becel and Violife. A new twist is raising the stakes on *Top Chef Canada X* like never before. For this intense mystery challenge, two chefs must create a standout dish highlighting one ingredient – **Avocados From Mexico**. The winning chef will be rewarded with a \$3,000 cash prize courtesy of Avocados From Mexico.

The award-winning winery **Campo Viejo** joins as the season's official wine sponsor, stocking the pantry and locker room with bottles of their premium wines made from the Rioja winemaking process. As Campo Viejo's wines are best shared with friends and family, a Quickfire Challenge will task the chefs to impress special guests with a delicious dish for a \$5,000 prize courtesy of Campo Viejo. A perfect pairing for a great meal, Canadian sparkling water sponsor **Montellier** will also be featured in the chefs' locker room this season and at the judges' table. In a flavour-balancing showdown, the brand will also provide a \$5,000 prize for the chef that can best utilize opposing ingredients in a Quickfire Challenge.

Visit foodnetwork.ca for an exclusive look at the upcoming 10th season and companion content including full chef bios and compilations. In addition, foodnetwork.ca offers behind-the-scenes scenes content with

the [host and judges](#) and an introduction to get to know our new judge David Zilber.

Top Chef Canada is the homegrown version of the hit Emmy® Award-winning NBCUniversal Series *Top Chef* and is produced by Insight Productions (a Boat Rocker company) in association with Food Network Canada. Executive Producers are John Brunton and Mark Lysakowski, Executive Producer and Showrunner is Eric Abboud, and Series Producer is Daniel Klimitz. For Food Network Canada, Marni Goldman is Executive in Charge of Production, Krista Look is Vice President of Original Lifestyle Content and Lisa Godfrey is Senior Vice President of Original Content and Corus Studios, Corus Entertainment.

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