



CORUS ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES START OF PRODUCTION ON HALLOWEEN BAKESHOP AND HOLIDAY BAKESHOP, HOSTED BY LAUREN ASH, FOR FLAVOUR NETWORK

Canadian Actress and Comedian Lauren Ash Hosts the Sweet New Canadian Original Series

Celebrated Chefs Jordan Andino and Kareem "Mr. Bake" Queeman Join as Expert Judges



L to R: Chef Kareem "Mr. Bake" Queeman, Lauren Ash, and Chef Jordan Andino. Photo Credit: Helen Tansey

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TORONTO, Canada, March 24, 2025 – Get ready for a sugar-fueled showdown as **Corus Entertainment**'s **Flavour Network** starts production on the new Canadian Original series *Halloween Bakeshop* (7x60) and *Holiday Bakeshop* (7x60). Hosted by actress and comedian Lauren Ash, these seasonal baking battles bring festive flair and fierce competition, with eight talented bakers competing for sweet victory and a \$25,000 prize. Produced by Nikki Ray Media Agency in association with Corus **Studios** for Flavour Network, *Halloween Bakeshop* and *Holiday Bakeshop* are shooting in Toronto and slated to premiere in fall 2025.

Host **Lauren Ash** is an actress and comedian, best known for her roles in NBC's *Superstore* and ABC's *Not Dead Yet.* Hailing from Toronto, she's a Canadian Screen Award and Canadian Comedy Award-winner as well as a musician. Joining Lauren on the judging panel is celebrated Filipino-Canadian chef, restaurateur, and TV personality, **Jordan Andino** (*Cook At All Costs, Dinner Budget Showdown*), and James Beard nominated chef, baking entrepreneur, and TV personality, **Kareem "Mr. Bake" Queeman**.





"Corus Entertainment is thrilled to announce *Halloween Bakeshop* and *Holiday Bakeshop*, two new Canadian Original series with showstopping competition and a distinctly Canadian flare", said Rachel Nelson, Vice President of Original Programming and Head of Corus Studios. "As part of Corus' continued commitment to creating programming made by Canadians for Canadians, these series feature homegrown talent in front of and behind the camera. Both titles include a notable cast and are produced in collaboration with our talented production partners at Nikki Ray Media Agency."

In both *Halloween Bakeshop* and *Holiday Bakeshop*, eight skilled bakers enter a high-stakes competition where their creativity and technical expertise are pushed to the limit under intense pressure. Each week, they race against the clock to complete two themed bakes, with games of chance dictating everything from the ingredients they must use to their team pairings. A dramatic mid-episode twist keeps the tension high, and at the end of each challenge, one baker is awarded a prize while another is sent home. With prize amounts fluctuating each week, the bakers are always on edge, eager to take bold risks. In the thrilling finale, the final three competitors will craft their ultimate Halloween or holiday bakeshop masterpieces, but only one will rise to the top and savor the sweet taste of victory!

Additional details on Halloween Bakeshop and Holiday Bakeshop will be announced at later date.

Halloween Bakeshop and Holiday Bakeshop are produced by Nikki Ray Media Agency for Flavour Network. For Nikki Ray Media Agency, Mike Sheerin and Tanya Linton are Executive Producers, and Jennifer Pratt is Series Producer. For Flavour Network, Debbie Brown is Executive in Charge of Production, Lynne Carter is the Director of Original Programming, and Rachel Nelson is VP of Original Programming and Head of Corus Studios.

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