



TEN CHEFS. ONE KITCHEN. ZERO MERCY. TOP CHEF CANADA IS BACK FOR SEASON 12 ON FLAVOUR NETWORK

The New Season Begins Tuesday, October 14 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on Flavour Network and Streaming Exclusively on STACKTV

The Competition Ushers in 10 Talented Chefs Ready to Compete for Culinary Glory and the Title of Canada's Top Chef



Top Chef Canada's Season 12 competitors. Image courtesy of Flavour Network.

L to R: Holly Holt, Tracy Little, Nick Maharaj, Charlotte Langley, Anthony Vien, Shai-Ann Tyson, Alex Kim, Katy Cheung, Chris Pyne, Coulson Armstrong

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TORONTO, September 16, 2025 – Top Chef Canada is back for a milestone 12th season featuring 10 of





the country's best up-and-coming professional chefs, each with their own culinary origin story, and each fighting for the prestigious title of Canada's Top Chef. With the esteemed panel of returning judges joined by buzz-worthy guests, this season's never before-seen challenges will task the chefs with showcasing their skills while celebrating the rich cultural diversity of our country. Season 12 of *Top Chef Canada*, a #1 specialty entertainment program*, premieres **Tuesday**, **October 14 at 10 p.m. ET/PT** on <u>Flavour Network</u> and streaming exclusively on <u>STACKTV</u>.

Top Chef Canada welcomes back chef, cookbook author, and longtime series host, **Eden Grinshpan**, along with a revered panel of returning judges: chef, fermenter and author **David Zilber**, powerhouse restaurateur **Janet Zuccarini**, chef and owner of The McEwan Group, **Mark McEwan**, and content creator and global food expert **Mijune Pak**.

For 11 seasons, *Top Chef Canada* has given fans a front-row seat to the country's ever-evolving food scene and propelled its winners into Canadian culinary stars. This season will explore the essence of each competitor's identity, tracing their unique culinary origin stories. In each episode, the chefs must elevate their skills and creativity to new heights with dishes that captivate the judges and take audiences on a culinary journey across the globe. There will be many *Top Chef Canada* firsts including a Bocuse d'Or-inspired elimination challenge, special events supporting Pride, an Indigenous film festival, and Restaurant Wars like you've never see it before. Featuring some of the best competitors in the history of the series, in the end only one chef will emerge victorious and be named Canada's Top Chef.

The 10 chefs – Canada's culinary crème de la crème – ready to compete for the glory and title of Canada's Top Chef includes:

- Coulson Armstrong (He/Him) 41, Toronto, Ont. (Our House Hospitality Company)
- Katy Cheung (She/Her) 33, Vancouver, B.C. (Burdock & Co.)
- Holly Holt (She/Her) 35, Edmonton, Alta. (Yellowhead Tribal Council & She Cooks Catering)
- Alex Kim (He/Him) 34, Vancouver, B.C. (Five Sails & Glowbal Restaurant Group)
- Charlotte Langley (She/Her) 41, Prince Edward County, Ont. (Nice Cans & Langley Foods)
- Tracy Little (She/Her) 39, Canmore, Alta. (Sauvage)
- Nick Maharaj (He/Him) 35, Victoria, B.C. (Part and Parcel)
- Chris Pyne (He/Him) 32, Windsor, N.S. (Lightfoot & Wolfville Vineyards)
- **Shai-Ann Tyson** (She/Her) 26, Toronto, Ont. (Balmy Beach Club & S.A.L.T Pop-up Restaurant Co.)
- Anthony Vien (He/Him) 28, Québec City, Que. (Tanière³)

Click here for full biographies.

During this season's fast-paced challenges, Michelin Star chefs, culinary icons and notable personalities join the *Top Chef Canada* judging panel as guest judges and tasters. This includes Daniel Boulud (One Star Michelin restaurant DANIEL, and Cafe Boulud), Tawnya Brant (*Top Chef Canada*, Season 10 competitor), Shane Chartrand (*Top Chef Canada*, Season 11 competitor), Charlotte Cardin (Juno Awardwinning singer), Susur Lee (Lee Restaurant, Lee Kitchen and TungLok Heen), Mei Lin (*Top Chef*, Season 12 winner, Chef/Owner, 88 Club & Daybird), Charlie Mitchell (executive chef/co-owner, One Star Michelin restaurant Clover Hill), Andrew Phung (actor, comedian, host of *Big Burger Battle*), Massimo Piedimonte (*Top Chef* alumni & owner of Cabaret l'Enfer), David Schwartz (culinary director, Big Hug Hospitality: Linny's, Sunny's Chinese, Mimi Chinese), Nara Smith (model and content creator), Chanthy Yen (*Top Chef Canada*, Season 11 winner), and many more. A full list is available here.

Top Chef Canada is the homegrown version of the hit Emmy® Award-winning NBCUniversal Series Top Chef and is produced by Insight Productions (A Blue Ant Studios Company) in association with Flavour Network. Eric Abboud is Executive Producer and Showrunner along with Insight's CEO & Executive Producer John Brunton and Executive Producer Mark Lysakowski. Co-Executive Producers for Insight Productions are Jessica Brunton and Daniel Klimitz. For Flavour Network, Lynne Carter is Director of





Original Programming and Rachel Nelson is Vice President of Original Programming and Head of Corus Studios.

*Source: Numeris PPM Data, S11 (10/14/2024 to 12/3/2024) – confirmed data, Total Canada, CDN SPECIALTY COM ENG, A25-54 AMA(000), 3+ airings; reach based on Ind. 2+ CumRch(000), based on all airings.

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