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Chopped All Stars – Season Three *Episode Descriptions*

Premiering Sunday, April 7th at 9pm ET/PT – SEASON PREMIERE!

“Food Network vs. Cooking Channel”

In this first competition of *Chopped All-Stars*, fans of Food Network and Cooking Channel get to see some of their favorite stars in action in the *Chopped* kitchen. Nadia G.'s dash to deliver a creative appetizer before the clock runs out makes for a very exciting first round. Then in the second round, something's fishy in the basket and something wild happens, as two of the competitors bump into each other, putting one chef's dish at risk. With a spot in the \$50,000 *All-Stars* finale and a favorite charity on the line, two finalists go head-to-head in the dessert round. Will their creations of marshmallow and coconut flakes make the judges happy?

Competitors: Nadia G., Jeff Mauro, Gabriele Corcos, Sunny Anderson

Judges: Chris Santos, Geoffrey Zakarian, Maneet Chauhan

Premiering Sunday, April 14th at 9pm ET/PT

“Mega Chefs”

In this second face off of the *All-Stars* \$50,000 tournament, big time contenders with considerable competitive prowess take each other on in the *Chopped* kitchen. The judges are eager to see what these Mega Chefs can do with sea bass and cream soda in the first round. Then in the entrée round, the competitors must get their tails in gear to make oxtail and labneh into delicious dishes. It is no piece of cake for the finalists figuring out how to transform a classic snack cake into an elegant dessert.

Competitors: Elizabeth Falkner, Chuck Hughes, Gavin Kaysen, Richard Blais

Judges: Chris Santos, Marcus Samuelsson, Maneet Chauhan

Premiering Sunday, April 21st at 9pm ET/PT

“Chopped Judges”

It's judgment time for the *Chopped* judges! What will happen when the tables are turned and four friends and colleagues compete in the *Chopped* kitchen? In the first round, the judges-turned-competitors must crack the code of the basket after cracking open diver scallops. Then in the entrée round, can the chefs make a beautiful bird fly with canned pizza sauce? With bragging rights and a shot at making it to the \$50,000 finale on the line, the last two chefs bravely tackle the dessert basket, and while one of the ingredients makes them smile, it is all business for a tense thirty minutes.

Competitors: Alex Guarnaschelli, Amanda Freitag, Scott Conant, Marc Murphy

Judges: Aarón Sánchez, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson

Premiering Sunday, April 28th at 9pm ET/PT

“Celebrities”

Lights, camera...baskets! Four celebrities with different backgrounds and a shared love of cooking charge into the *Chopped* kitchen. Plain vanilla is something that none of the competitors can relate to, but can they skillfully use vanilla cupcakes to create a one-of-a-kind appetizer? Then something crispy and something jiggly make the main course a study in contrasts. When two entertaining cooks proceed to the final round, they put on a performance with circus peanuts and curry powder.

Competitors: Johnny Weir, Joey Fatone, Laila Ali, Judy Gold

Judges: Maneet Chauhan, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson

Premiering Sunday, May 5th at 9pm ET/PT

“Finale”

The four returning *All-Stars* champs compete for \$50,000 to their charitable cause. Two of the surprises in the first basket are a super salty veggie and a super fresh seafood item. Then, cheddar-filled pretzels help make it a fun-filled entrée round. The judges cannot wait to taste a couple of creative desserts made from freeze dried grapes and Marcona almonds, but only one competitor can win the \$50,000 prize for their charity and gain the bragging rights of being a *Chopped All-Star*.

Judges: Aáron Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson

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