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CULINARY STARS RETURN FOR NEW SEASON OF *CHOPPED ALL-STARS*

Sixteen All-Star contestants compete for title and Grand Prize for their charity

Season 3 premieres Sunday, April 7th at 9pm ET/PT as Food Network faces off against Cooking Channel in the Chopped kitchen

NEW YORK – February 26, 2013 – Season 3 of Food Network’s top-rated series *Chopped All-Stars* returns Sunday, April 7th at 9pm ET/PT, as sixteen culinary competitors battle it out for the title of All-Star champion and a \$50,000 prize for the winner’s charity. The five-part competition series, hosted by **Ted Allen**, includes four chefs going head-to-head each week in themed episodes featuring Food Network chefs vs. Cooking Channel chefs, an all-out battle of the Mega Chefs, the much anticipated battle of the *Chopped* judges, and a can’t miss culinary showdown as four celebrities with a shared love of cooking compete against each other in the *Chopped* kitchen. Judged by a rotating roster of *Chopped* regulars who decide who gets “chopped” each week, including **Maneet Chauhan, Marcus Samuelsson, Aarón Sánchez, Chris Santos** and **Geoffrey Zakarian**, the competitors are challenged to create delectable courses in a limited amount of time from the ingredients in the renowned *Chopped* mystery basket. The winner of each episode will compete for the grand prize on Sunday, May 5th at 9pm ET/PT.

“Chopped All-Stars raises the stakes of our popular franchise by pitting fiercely competitive food stars, and for the first time, celebrities, against each other,” said Bob Tuschman, General Manager and Senior Vice President Programming, Food Network. “These stars use their culinary prowess to battle it out for their charities and bragging rights for winning this all-star competition.”

Episodes include:

Part 1: “Food Network vs. Cooking Channel” Premieres Sunday, April 7th at 9pm ET/PT

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

Judges: Chris Santos, Geoffrey Zakarian, Maneet Chauhan

Part 2: “Mega Chefs” Premieres Sunday, April 14th at 9pm ET/PT

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

Judges: Chris Santos, Marcus Samuelsson, Maneet Chauhan

Part 3: “Chopped Judges” Premieres Sunday, April 21st at 9pm ET/PT

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

Judges: Aarón Sánchez, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson

Part 4: “Celebrities” Premieres Sunday, April 28th at 9pm ET/PT

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

Judges: Maneet Chauhan, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson

Part 5: “Finale” Premieres Sunday, May 5th at 9pm ET/PT

Judges: Aáron Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson



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Beginning April 7th, Food Network will offer The *Chopped All-Stars* TV Sync Experience. Partnering with Yahoo!'s second-screen mobile application, [IntoNow](#), Food Network is creating a custom experience that will bring fans into the world of *Chopped* like never before. This unique two screen offering will allow viewers access to exclusive content including commentary, photos, behind the scenes details, culinary tips, polls and trivia. Fans can also use the IntoNow app to create their own memorable captioned stills from the episodes, and keep up with the *Chopped* judges on Twitter. Viewers can download IntoNow from the [iTunes App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), then sync the app with the broadcast. The experience will also work when synced with encores and when watching the episode on DVR, VOD or online streaming.

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