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HALLOWEEN WARS SCARES UP SPINE-TINGLING PUMPKIN DISPLAYS IN RETURN TO FOOD NETWORK

Five New Teams Set to Compete for \$50,000 Grand Prize in Series Premiere October 5th

NEW YORK – August 26, 2014 – *Halloween Wars* returns to Food Network for its fourth season, premiering Sunday, October 5th at 9pm ET/PT. Witness five teams, consisting of a pumpkin carving expert, a cake decorator, and sugar artist, as they battle it out over four episodes to create heart-stopping Halloween-themed displays, guaranteed to scare the daylights out of viewers. Hosted by **Justin Willman** (*Cupcake Wars*), each week the teams go head-to-head to create different themed pumpkin displays. One team is eliminated each episode by the judging panel, made up of renowned cake decorator **Shinmin Li** and Emmy®-nominated make-up artist **Brian Kinney**, and a rotating panel of celebrity guest judges, including **Naomi Grossman** (*American Horror Story: Asylum*), **Francia Raisa** (*The Secret Life of the American Teenager*), **Adi Shankar** (film producer of *The Grey* and *Dredd*), and **Lew Temple** (*The Walking Dead* and *The Devil's Rejects*). The last team standing wins the title of *Halloween Wars* champion and a \$50,000 grand prize.

Episodes include:

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“The Haunted Farm”

Halloween Wars returns, as five teams made up of an expert pumpkin carver, a cake decorator, and a sugar artist go to battle to create mind-blowing Halloween-themed displays, in hopes of winning the coveted title of *Halloween Wars* champion and a \$50,000 grand prize. For the teams' first competition, they must capture all the freights of a terrifying haunted farm. In the end, one team will be eliminated. Includes special guest judge Naomi Grossman, from *American Horror Story: Asylum*.

Premiering Sunday, October 12th at 9pm ET/PT

“Don't Go Into The Forest”

The four remaining teams made up of an expert pumpkin carver, cake decorator, and sugar artist compete to create mind-blowing Halloween-themed displays that evoke the dire warning: whatever you do, don't go into the forest! One team will be eliminated, leaving the three remaining teams one step closer to the \$50,000 grand prize. Includes special guest judge Adi Shankar, film producer of *The Grey* and *Dredd*.

Premiering Sunday, October 19th at 9pm ET/PT

“Mummies vs. Werewolves”

Three remaining teams made up of an expert pumpkin carver, cake decorator, and sugar artist go head-to-head to create mind-blowing Halloween-themed displays that capture an epic battle between terror icons: Mummies vs. Werewolves! Which team will scare the judges the most? Special guest judge actor Francia Raisa, actress of *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* and the cult horror hit *Chastity Bites*, helps decide which teams move on to the final battle.

Premiering Sunday, October 26th at 9pm ET/PT

“Haunted Carnival”

It's all come down to this epic, final battle. Two teams remain and will compete to create terrifying Halloween-themed displays that capture the twisted, demonic world of a haunted carnival. Only one team can take home the coveted



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Halloween Wars championship and a \$50,000 grand prize. Horror actor Lew Temple, best known for his roles in hits like *The Walking Dead* and *The Devil's Rejects*, helps crown the winner.

ABOUT JUSTIN WILLMAN:

Justin Willman is an American comedian, magician, and TV personality. He's a regular guest on *The Tonight Show*, *Ellen*, and *Chelsea Lately*; and hosts the hit shows *Cupcake Wars* on the Food Network, and *Win, Lose or Draw* on the Disney Channel. Justin also tours regularly with a magic/comedy live show that *Time Out* says, "has to be seen to be disbelieved." Justin is currently in production on his own magic variety show pilot for Comedy Central along with executive producer Chris Hardwick.

ABOUT SHINMIN LI:

Shinmin Li is a renowned cake decorator, who has studied graphic design at The School of Visual Arts in New York City before attending Le Cordon Bleu in Sydney; earning her degree in Grande Patisserie in 2002.

ABOUT BRIAN KINNEY:

Brian Kinney is a primetime Emmy®-nominated makeup artist and a Journeyman in IATSE Local 706 Make-up Artists and Hairstylists Guild, where he serves as Makeup Craft Coordinator and is on the executive board. Brian has worked in film, television, theater, and print for more than 12 years. Brian has made his mark in FX labs, on set, and in classrooms across the United States and Europe. His work can be seen regularly in feature films and television shows, such as *The Purge: Anarchy*, *Insidious*, *CSI*, and *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

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