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## GET READY FOR HALLOWEEN WITH CRAFTY CHEFS AND SPINE-CHILLING SABOTAGES IN *CUTTHROAT KITCHEN: TOURNAMENT OF TERROR*

Hosted by Alton Brown, Five-Episode Primetime Tournament Begins  
Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10pm ET/PT

**NEW YORK – August 31, 2016** – Trick or treating takes on a new meaning this fall with the five-episode primetime event *Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror*, beginning Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10pm ET/PT on Food Network. **Alton Brown** presides over the no-holds-barred Halloween heats, with sixteen crafty chefs cooking their way through spooky sabotages for the chance to win up to \$50,000. From a spider web-themed spider roll challenge to a liver and fava beans battle, the competitors must scare up their best dishes while braving witches, mummies, ghosts and zombies. The heats lead up to a final showdown between the four winners to determine the *Tournament of Terror* champion on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10pm.

“Alton’s wicked sense of humor and diabolical sabotages are sure to get viewers into the Halloween spirit,” said Didi O’Hearn, Senior Vice President, Programming, Food Network & Cooking Channel. “Get ready for a devilishly good time, Cutthroat Kitchen-style!”

Episodes are:

**Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror – Heat One Premieres Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10pm (all times ET/PT)**

Heat one begins with a Hannibal Lechter-style liver and fava beans challenge, then the chefs must cook garlic chicken with scary movie blade fingers or knives. For the last round, a blood orange dessert has to be prepared with a séance board sabotage.

Competitors: Trevor McGrath (Queens, New York), Janet Ross (Kansas City, Missouri), Rouha Sadighi (Santa Monica, California), Irvin Williams Jr. (Thomasville, North Carolina)

Judge: **Richard Blais**

**Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror - Heat Two Premieres Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10pm (all times ET/PT)**

In the second heat, the chefs must make deviled eggs while wearing monster costumes, followed by a spider web-themed spider roll challenge. Finally, one chef has to make a flambéed dessert in a twisted kitchen.

Competitors: Natalie Beck (Palo Alto, California), Paul Friedman (Houston, Texas), Josephine Proul (Philmont, New York), Ian Russell (Kannapolis, North Carolina)

Judge: **Antonia Lofaso**

**Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror – Heat Three Premieres Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10pm**

Round three kicks off with a frog’s leg challenge in a graveyard, then the chefs must make a witch’s stew while riding around on a witch’s broom. Finally, one chef has to make devil’s food cake with spooky tools.

Competitors: Christian Brown (Henrico, North Carolina), Jenny Goycochea (San Diego, California), Michael Jenkins (Astoria, New York), Ulfet Ralph (Milan, Ohio)

Judge: **Jet Tila**

**Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror – Heat Four Premieres Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10pm**

In the fourth heat, the chefs have to cut their steak tartare with deadly weapons and dig up their Fra Diavolo ingredients in a graveyard. Then one chef has to make a pumpkin dessert inside a chamber filled with autumn leaves.

Competitors: Oz Blackaller (San Diego, California), Chase Meneely (Denver, Colorado), Johnny Messina (Hermosa Beach, California), Tiffany Nelson-Ermon (Chicago, Illinois)

Judge: **Simon Majumdar**

**Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror – Finale Premieres Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10pm**

The four heat winners return for the tournament finale, which begins with the chefs shopping for Bloody Mary ingredients in a dark, haunted pantry. Then a bone-in dish must be prepared on a flaming organ, followed by a candy challenge on a possessed, spinning bed. The last chef standing is named winner of the *Tournament of Terror*.

Judge: **Anne Burrell**



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Viewers can get an extra taste of terror with behind-the-scenes photos and videos at [FoodNetwork.com/Cutthroat](http://FoodNetwork.com/Cutthroat) and Alton's After-Show, where he reveals the sabotages to the judges and they just may give them a try. Join the conversation on Twitter using #CutthroatKitchen.

*Cutthroat Kitchen: Tournament of Terror* is produced by Embassy Row.

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