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Halloween Baking Championship

Host and Judges Bios (2017)

Host John Henson

With over 20 years of acting, writing, hosting and producing credits, John Henson is a veteran of the television industry. Henson began his professional career as a stand-up comedian, touring the country before gaining audience attention and critical acclaim as host, writer and co-executive producer of E! Entertainment's *Talk Soup*. In this role, John won a cult following, and three Emmy Award nominations. Over the course of his career, he has also co-hosted and produced ABC's *Wipeout*, Spike TV's *The John Henson Project*, and TV Guide Network's *Watch This*. He also starred in FX's *Anger Management* and NBC's *My Name is Earl*, and hosted truTV's *Funniest Commercials* specials as well as guest hosted of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*.

In October 2016, John was a celebrity guest on Food Network's *Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity*, where he made it to the semi-finals and won a donation for a children's charity he and his wife, Jill, support and is a cause close to their hearts. Currently, John resides in Los Angeles with his wife, son and daughter.

Judge Carla Hall

Carla Hall is a co-host of ABC's Emmy award-winning, popular lifestyle series, *The Chew*. Hall is best known as a competitor on Bravo's *Top Chef* and *Top Chef: All Stars*, where she won over audiences with her fun catch phrase, "Hootie Hoo" and her philosophy to always cook with love. Carla's approach to cooking blends her classic French training and Southern upbringing for a twist on traditional favorites. Carla Hall opened her first restaurant, Carla Hall's Southern Kitchen, in 2016. She has also published two cookbooks "Carla's Comfort Food: Favorite Dishes from Around the World" and "Cooking with Love: Comfort Food That Hugs You."

Judge Lorraine Pascale

Lorraine Pascale is best known for her string of hit TV series, which include BBC 2's *Baking Made Easy*, *Home Cooking Made Easy*, and Cooking Channel's *Fresh, Fast and Easy Food*. She currently serves as a judge on Food Network's *Holiday Baking Championship* and *Spring Baking Championship*. In addition to her TV series, she has authored 6 best-selling books and made a documentary, *Fostering & Me*, in which she looked at her own experience of being fostered as a child and the experiences of foster children. Prior to her cooking career, Lorraine was a top model. After the birth of her daughter, she experimented with other careers, including becoming a trained hypnotherapist, interior designer and mechanic, before attending the Leith's School of Food and Wine.

Judge Zac Young

Zac Young is the Pastry Director of Creaveable Hospitality Group, a nationwide company specializing in food and beverage management, licensing and consulting and responsible for the all-in-one Thanksgiving dessert sensation, The PieCaken. A graduate of Walnut Hill School for the Arts and The Institute of Culinary Education, his experience includes Bouchon Bakery in New York City, and Alexandra Guarnaschelli's Butter Restaurant, as well as training in France with renowned chefs such as Philippe Givre at Valrhona and Philippe Parc at Chocolate Michel Cluizel. Named one of the Top Ten Pastry Chefs in America by *Dessert Professional*, his passion and pastry wisdom has been showcased on Cooking Channel's *Unique Sweets* and on Food Network's *Beat Bobby Flay*, *Chopped*, and *Worst Cooks in America*.