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**\*\*TUNE-IN ALERT\*\***

**ALTON BROWN TAKES OVER THE *CHOPPED* KITCHEN IN *CHOPPED: ALTON'S CHALLENGE***

***Five-Part Stunt Premieres Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10pm ET/PT on Food Network***

***Sixteen Chefs Put to the Test in Challenges that Tap into the Science of Cooking***

**NEW YORK – August 30, 2017 – Alton Brown** takes over the *Chopped* kitchen for this epic five-part tournament, *Chopped: Alton's Challenge*, premiering Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10pm ET/PT on Food Network. Four competitors face off each episode to create unique and delicious dishes over three rounds – appetizer, entrée, dessert - utilizing the mystery ingredients with a theme, as they must impress a rotating panel of *Chopped* and special guest judges, including Alton himself! **Ted Allen** hosts the edge-of-your-seat competition as Alton influences the mystery baskets and demonstrates the science of some of the ingredients throughout the tournament. Over the course of the tournament the chefs are put to the test with challenges that tap into the science of cooking and the physics of food, with each winner from the four preliminary heats competing in the finale airing Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, with a chance to impress Alton and the judges, and go home with a \$50,000 grand prize.

Get more insight on the *Chopped: Alton's Challenge* tournament at [FoodNetwork.com/Chopped](http://FoodNetwork.com/Chopped), to find photo and video highlights, relive top moments, and hear from the winning contenders. Join in on the conversation using #Chopped.

Episodes Include:

**Premiering Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm ET/PT - PREMIERE!**

“Alton's Challenge, Part 1”

Alton Brown is taking over the *Chopped* Kitchen for an epic, five-part tournament! To kick off the appetizer basket, Alton demonstrates the mad science of champagne and the competitors embrace a fermentation theme. A strange, stringy Japanese specialty is the talk of the entrée round, and an unusual cake inspires some unusual choices in the dessert round.

**Host:** Ted Allen

**Judges:** Alton Brown, Amanda Freitag, Alex Guarnaschelli

**Competitors:** Michael Nelson, Regan Reik, Jason Rodriguez, Kashi Smith

**Premiering Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm ET/PT**

“Alton's Challenge, Part 2”

On a quest for \$50,000, four new, bold chefs take on the *Alton's Challenge* baskets. The first four chefs bravely take on his challenge, where Alton demonstrates the science behind smoking foods, and the chefs are encouraged to infuse every dish with smoky flavor. Tiny radishes and a strange savory cookie are in the mix for the appetizer basket. Alton then whips up a signature smoked item for the second basket, and an exotic drink is the smoky component in the dessert basket.

**Host:** Ted Allen

**Judges:** Hugh Acheson, Alton Brown, Maneet Chauhan

**Competitors:** Jamal Bland, Jessica Chaney, Leah Gourlie, Gavin Jobe

**Premiering Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm ET/PT**

“Alton's Challenge, Part 3”



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Dried and true! In this third *Alton's Challenge* battle, there's a dehydration theme for the baskets and Alton demonstrates a home hack that makes removing moisture from food a breeze. The first basket has the chefs making quick use of instant mashed potatoes. Then, an Alton specialty is one of the mandatory ingredients for the entrée round. In the dessert basket, diabolical ingredients have the chefs scrambling to make dehydrated eggs work in their final plates.

**Host:** Ted Allen

**Judges:** Alton Brown, Amanda Freitag, Marcus Samuelsson

**Competitors:** Ben Bebenroth, Vinnie Cimino, Lisa Pucci Delgado, Nick Wallace

**Premiering Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00pm ET/PT**

"Alton's Challenge, Part 4"

Modern magic! Four new chefs explore the wonders of molecular gastronomy in *Alton's Challenge* battle. Making a powder from a fat and clearing up the problem with transparent ravioli are some of the struggles in the appetizer basket. In the entrée round, the chefs get lamb cooked via a modernist method and some new age noodles. And a "cake" that looks like a drop of water -- and tastes like one too -- gives the last pair of chefs a perplexing puzzle to solve for dessert.

**Host:** Ted Allen

**Judges:** Alton Brown, Wylie Dufresne, Amanda Freitag

**Competitors:** Andrea Anom, Louis Goral, Chris Holland, Tiffany Schleigh

**Premiering Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm ET/PT – FINALE!**

"Alton's Challenge, Grand Finale"

Expect the ultimate in brainy, zany baskets from Alton Brown, as four Challenge champions return to battle it out for \$50,000! Ingredients harken back to the themes of preliminary battles: molecular gastronomy, smoke, dehydration, and fermentation. In the appetizer basket, a small fish and a strange condiment puzzle the champs. A stunningly-presented protein and a jar of something stinky are in the entrée basket, and Alton makes a grand entrance in the dessert round to demonstrate the science of one of the ingredients, before an unprecedented turn of events unfolds.

**Host:** Ted Allen

**Judges:** Alton Brown, Alex Guarnaschelli, George Mendes

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