



## **Spring Baking Championship** *Host and Judges Bios (2017)*

### **Jesse Palmer**

After five seasons as a quarterback in the National Football League for the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers, Jesse Palmer began a career as a game analyst first with Fox Sports Net, and soon thereafter with ESPN, providing commentary for college football and NFL games. A few years later, Palmer added ABC Studio analyst to his duties, joining longtime analyst John Saunders in providing pregame, halftime and postgame analysis for every ABC telecast college football game. Outside the sports arena, he was the host of Food Network's *Food Truck Face Off*, and has co-hosted *Live with Kelly* and *The View* in addition to contributing on *The Chew*. In 2015, Palmer joined *Good Morning America* as a Special Contributor, focusing on big stories, news of the day and live events. Jesse currently resides in New York City with his French bulldog, Tuuli.

### **Duff Goldman**

Duff Goldman graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with degrees in history and philosophy. He then went on to study at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, and from there went on to work at several acclaimed culinary destinations, including French Laundry, Vail Cascade Hotel, and Todd English's Olives before returning to Baltimore in 2000 to become a personal chef. In March 2002, he opened Charm City Cakes, and it soon became a household name on Food Network's series *Ace of Cakes*, which aired for 10 seasons. In 2011, Duff was nominated for two James Beard Foundation awards for Best TV Food Personality/Host and Best Television Program. He published his first cookbook book in 2015 entitled, *Duff Bakes: Think and Bake Like a Pro at Home*. In addition to owning and operating Charm City Cakes, Charm City Cakes West and Duff's Cake Mix, Duff is also a sculptor, artist, and musician, and has an affinity for wearing his signature hockey jerseys.

Duff serves as a judge on Food Network's *Holiday Baking Championship* and *Spring Baking Championship*, and is also the co-host of *Kids Baking Championship* and *Worst Bakers in America*.

### **Nancy Fuller**

Nancy Fuller got her start as the host of Food Network's *Farmhouse Rules*, where she cooks wholesome, simple meals from the heart of her home- the kitchen of her authentic 17th-century farmhouse on beautiful, rolling land in New York's Hudson Valley. Nancy can also be seen as a judge on Food Network's *Holiday Baking Championship*, *Spring Baking Championship*, and *Clash of the Grandmas*. As a loving mother of six and grandmother to 13, Nancy is not a stranger to supplying food in large quantities as she is also the owner of Ginsberg's Foods, a multimillion-dollar food distributor business that she runs with her husband.

### **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*, *Spring Baking Championship*, and as co-host on *Worst Bakers in America*. 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.