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## **CHOPPED ALL-STARS**

### *Season Two – Episode Descriptions*

#### **Premiering Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **“Iron Chefs Do Battle”**

The new season of *Chopped All Stars* kicks off with a heated battle as Iron Chefs step into the *Chopped* kitchen to compete in the \$50,000 All-Stars tournament. The competition begins when the Iron Chefs open their appetizer round baskets to find beef tendon and crawfish. Then in the entrée round a very challenging protein has all the Iron Chefs using a different cooking technique. Finally, the two remaining Iron Chefs must conquer the dessert round featuring black beans and queso fresco in order to advance to the grand finale.

**Competitors:** Cat Cora, Marc Forgione, Jose Garces, Michael Symon

**Judges:** Scott Conant, Aarón Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian

#### **Premiering Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **“Prime Time vs. Day Time”**

The hosts of four sensational Food Network/Cooking Channel series bring international flavors to the All-Stars tournament. A chicken foot in the first basket paired with the pressure of the *Chopped* kitchen forces the competitors to step out of their comfort zones and affects the caliber of their appetizers. Another difficult protein makes the entrée basket a huge challenge, but the All-Stars do their best to hit their stride. In the final round, the two remaining competitors open the dessert baskets and see a giant surprise. Who will pull off the winning dessert?

**Competitors:** Keegan Gerhard, Jeffrey Saad, Aarti Sequeira, Marcela Valladolid

**Judges:** Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian

#### **Premiering Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **“Food Network Star Contestants”**

Competition is heating up in the *Chopped* kitchen, as four chefs from the hit casting competition *Food Network Star* attempt to excel in an entirely new arena. First, they try to impress the judges by exhibiting razor sharp skills in the razor clams appetizer round. In a meat-and-potatoes entrée round, the real challenge for the chefs is trying to stand out while established rivalries make the fight to get into the final round even more intense. Following the dessert round, featuring white apricots and bacon bits, the judges have some stern words for the chefs.

**Competitors:** Justin Balmes, Penny Davidi, Vic 'Vegas' Moea, Chris Nirschel

**Judges:** Scott Conant, Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez

#### **Premiering Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **“Judge Remix”**

Competing for the last remaining place in the \$50,000 All-Stars finale, four *Chopped* judges head to the kitchen to prove their expertise lies beyond the judges table. Brawn and brains -- goat brains that is -- are requirements of the appetizer round. At the Chopping Block, we see how the judges feel about being judged themselves. Then after one judge-turned-competitor is chopped, three go on to the entrée round where they must create main dishes using Berkshire pork and preserved duck eggs. Who will represent the judges in the All-Stars grand finale?

**Competitors:** Alex Guarnaschelli, Marc Murphy, Marcus Samuelsson, Chris Santos

**Judges:** Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian

#### **Premiering Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **“Grand Finale”**

In the can't-miss *Chopped All-Stars* grand finale, the four winners of the previous battles compete for a \$50,000 grand prize for charity. The final rounds will test their creativity, skill and determination to see which chef can take the



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*Chopped* kitchen pressure. The first round, with beef heart in the appetizer basket, leaves the judges with an excruciatingly difficult decision. Then, it is anyone's game in the entrée round when the chefs create a dish with fish and greens. Panforte and pancetta take center stage in the finalists' desserts, and in the end, the judges must choose just one winner of the \$50,000 grand prize.

**Competitors:** Prior episode winners

**Judges:** Anne Burrell, Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez

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