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CHOPPED ALL-STARS IS BACK

SIXTEEN KITCHEN MASTERS COMPETE FOR CREATIVE CULINARY VICTORY AND \$50K FOR THEIR CHARITY

Five Themed Episodes Kick Off with Iron Chefs Battling in *Chopped* Kitchen on Sunday, April 8th at 9pm ET/PT

Upcoming Match-Ups Include Food Network and Cooking Channel Show Hosts, *Food Network Star* Finalists and *Chopped* Judges

NEW YORK – February 28, 2012 – Food Network’s top-rated hit *Chopped All-Stars* returns for a second season filled with fan-favorite chefs, unexpected ingredients, and fierce competition for a \$50,000 prize for charity on Sunday, April 8th at 9pm ET/PT. In each of the five themed episodes, hosted by Ted Allen, four specially selected chefs are challenged to create three masterful courses from ingredients in the mystery basket, ranging from beef tendon and crawfish, to black beans with queso fresco and chicken feet. *Chopped All-Stars* kicks off with Iron Chefs battling in the *Chopped* kitchen, followed by competitions between Food Network/Cooking Channel show hosts, *Food Network Star* finalists and *Chopped* judges. A rotating roster of top-notch judges will decide who gets “chopped” each week, leading up to a final showdown between the four episode winners on Sunday, May 6th at 9pm ET/PT, where the \$50,000 grand prize to the winner’s charity of choice will be awarded.

“*Chopped All-Stars* proved to be a huge success in its first season, and season two really takes the challenge to another level, even pitting Iron Chef against Iron Chef and putting *Chopped* judges to the test,” said Bob Tuschman, General Manager and Senior Vice President Programming, Food Network. “Food Network viewers can look forward to some incredible creativity and entertainment in the *Chopped* kitchen – all for a good cause.”

Episodes include:

Part 1, “Iron Chefs Do Battle” Premieres Sunday, April 8th at 9pm ET/PT

Competitors: Iron Chefs Cat Cora, Marc Forgione, Jose Garces and Michael Symon
Judges: Scott Conant, Aarón Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian

Part 2, “Prime Time vs. Day Time” Premieres Sunday, April 15th at 9pm ET/PT

Competitors: Show hosts Keegan Gerhard (*Food Network Challenge*), Jeffrey Saad (*United Tastes of America*, Cooking Channel), Aarti Sequeira (*Aarti Party*) and Marcela Valladolid (*Mexican Made Easy*)
Judges: Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian

Part 3, “Food Network Star Contestants” Premieres Sunday, April 22nd at 9pm ET/PT

Competitors: *Food Network Star* Season Seven Finalists Justin Balmes, Penny Davidi, Vic “Vegas” Moea and Chris Nirschel
Judges: Scott Conant, Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez

Part 4, “Judge Remix” Premieres Sunday, April 29th at 9pm ET/PT

Competitors: *Chopped* judges Alex Guarnaschelli, Marc Murphy, Marcus Samuelsson and Chris Santos
Judges: Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez, Geoffrey Zakarian

Part 5, “Grand Finale” Premieres Sunday, May 6th at 9pm ET/PT

Competitors: Prior episode winners
Judges: Anne Burrell, Amanda Freitag, Aarón Sanchez



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Chopped premiered in January 2009 and consistently ranks as one of Food Network's highest-rated primetime series. Hosted by Ted Allen, the fast-paced competition series challenges four chefs to turn mystery basket ingredients into an impressive three-course meal. After each course, one contestant gets "chopped" until the last chef standing claims victory.

Emmy Award winner Ted Allen is the host of *Chopped* and the author of the upcoming cookbook "In My Kitchen: 100 Recipes and Discoveries for Passionate Cooks" debuting in May, 2012, and an earlier book, "The Food You Want to Eat: 100 Smart, Simple Recipes," both from Clarkson-Potter. Allen also has been a contributing writer to Esquire magazine since 1996. Previously, he was the food and wine specialist on the groundbreaking Bravo series *Queer Eye*, a judge on Food Network's *Iron Chef America* and a judge on Bravo's *Top Chef*.

Chopped and *Chopped All-Stars* are produced by Notional Entertainment.

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