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FOOD NETWORK STAR RETURNS FOR TENTH SEASON WITH NEW CAST OF CONTENDERS AND MORE INTENSE CULINARY CHALLENGES

**Food Icons Alton Brown, Giada De Laurentiis and Bobby Flay Back as
Mentors/Judges in Season Premiere on Sunday, June 1st at 9pm ET/PT**

**Web Exclusive Series *Star Salvation* and Audience Vote Also Return,
Winner to be Announced in Season Finale on Sunday, August 10th at 9pm ET/PT**

NEW YORK - April 24, 2014 - Food Network's long-running competition series *Food Network Star* is back for a tenth season in June, with culinary icons **Alton Brown**, **Giada De Laurentiis** and **Bobby Flay** leading the charge to discover the next promising face in food television. The twelve new contenders are put to the test in a season filled with unique competitions challenging their kitchen and on-camera chops, to find out who has the talent and charisma to follow in Alton, Giada and Bobby's footsteps and helm their own show. Exclusive web series *Star Salvation* also returns, giving one eliminated contestant the opportunity to rejoin the on-air competition, which culminates in an audience vote to determine who wins the ultimate prize - their own show on Food Network. Shot in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York, *Food Network Star* season ten kicks off with a one-hour premiere on Sunday, June 1st at 9pm ET/PT, and the winner will be named in the season finale on Sunday, August 10th at 9pm ET/PT.

"Every season, viewers love seeing new talent emerge on *Food Network Star*," said Bob Tuschman, General Manager and Senior Vice President, Food Network. "Watching three superstars of the food television world – Alton, Giada and Bobby – help the finalists hone their food, voice and on-camera skill is fascinating, fun and compelling."

The finalists are: **Luca Della Casa** (San Antonio); **Emma Frisch** (Ithaca, NY); **Nicole Gaffney** (Atlantic City, NJ); **Loreal Gavin** (Indianapolis); **Chris Kyler** (Stafford, VA); **Kenny Lao** (New York); **Christopher Lynch** (New Orleans); **Lenny McNab** (Debeque, CO); **Aryen Moore-Alston** (Memphis); **Sarah Penrod** (League City, TX); **Reuben Ruiz** (Miami) and **Donna Sonkin Shaw** (New York).

In the season premiere, the contestants are welcomed to Los Angeles for their Star-making journey by Alton, Giada and Bobby, who invite the cast to their own red carpet premiere party that very night at a Hollywood studio backlot. Each finalist must present themselves to a select group of tastemakers, including E! personality **Ross Mathews**, and prepare their most impressive party bite for the challenge judges Alton, Giada, Bobby and Food Network executives **Bob Tuschman** and **Susie Fogelson**.

Upcoming episodes feature a *Cutthroat Kitchen* competition, viral video challenge from YouTube Space LA, visit to Knott's Berry Farm, Las Vegas buffet and pool party-themed challenges and an on-camera appearance on *Rachael Ray*. Guest stars include Food Network personalities **Alex Guarnaschelli**, **Robert Irvine**, **Jet Tila** and **Rachael Ray**.

Web series *Star Salvation* returns for a second outing on Sunday, June 1st and goes live just after *Star*'s east coast airing. Available exclusively on FoodNetwork.com/Salvation and hosted by last season's *Food Network Star* winner **Damaris Phillips** and Iron Chef **Geoffrey Zakarian**, the six-episode web-only culinary contest gives eliminated finalists a chance to re-enter the competition. In a nod to the show's tenth season, two fan favorites from past seasons return in the premiere *Salvation* challenge to battle the first eliminated finalist. The winner will re-enter *Food Network Star* on Sunday, July 13.

For more *Food Network Star*, fans can visit FoodNetwork.com/Star all season long for exclusive interviews, video, blogs, behind-the-scenes footage, photo galleries and more. Fans can also connect with each other and the show's stars on Facebook at [Facebook.com/FoodNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/FoodNetwork) and on Twitter with the hashtag #FoodNetworkStar.



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