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SIXTEEN CULINARY ALL-STARS COMPETE IN FIRST-EVER CUTTHROAT KITCHEN: SUPERSTAR SABOTAGE TOURNAMENT

**Hosted by Alton Brown, Five-Episode Primetime Event Premieres
Wednesday, October 8th at 9pm ET/PT**

NEW YORK – September 8, 2014 – Food Network hit *Cutthroat Kitchen* goes all-star this fall, with sixteen elite chefs competing in the five-episode mayhem-filled *Cutthroat Kitchen: Superstar Sabotage* tournament under the watchful eye of host **Alton Brown**. Only the craftiest and most cunning chefs survive in this battle of cooking chops and sabotage skills, and just one wins ultimate bragging rights and up to \$75,000 for the charity of their choice. The primetime event kicks off **Wednesday, October 8th at 9pm ET/PT** with the first all-star match-up, leading up to a final showdown between the four heat winners on **Wednesday, November 5th at 9pm ET/PT**, where the grand prize is awarded.

"*Cutthroat Kitchen* is equal parts culinary contest and battle of wits and with these food masters competing under the leadership of the one-and-only Alton Brown, the inaugural *Superstar Sabotage* tournament is certain to be fierce and funny," said Bob Tuschman, General Manager and Senior Vice President, Food Network.

Episodes are:

"Superstar Sabotage, Heat One" Premieres Wednesday, October 8th at 9pm ET/PT

Chefs **Susan Feniger, Jeff Mauro, Michael Psilakis** and **Aarti Sequeira** face off in the first battle, where their sabotages involve a treadmill station, carnival hammer game and conveyor toaster. Judge: **Antonio Lofaso**.

"Superstar Sabotage, Heat Two" Premieres Wednesday, October 15th at 9pm ET/PT

In round two, **Nadia G, Brian Malarkey, Marcel Vigneron** and **Justin Warner** go head-to-head in sabotages including an unusually high prep table, cooking in a popcorn machine and getting a hand stuck in a cookie jar. Judge: **Jet Tila**.

"Superstar Sabotage, Heat Three" Premieres Wednesday, October 22nd at 9pm ET/PT

Chefs **Anne Burrell, Eric Greenspan, Johnny Iuzzini** and **Damaris Phillips** compete in the third tournament episode with sabotages such as a floating prep station, holding hands with another chef and replacing their mixing and cooking vessels with lemons and banana leaves. Judge: **Simon Majumdar**.

"Superstar Sabotage, Heat Four" Premieres Wednesday, October 29th at 9pm ET/PT

There's only one more spot in the finale, and **Melissa d'Arabian, Elizabeth Falkner, Alex Guarnaschelli** and **Fabio Viviani** each think they have what it takes to get there. They are faced with sabotages including gambling for ingredients and swapping utensils and knives for tools made of cheese and banana leaves. Judge: **Antonia Lofaso**.

"Superstar Sabotage, Finale" Premieres Wednesday, November 5th at 9pm ET/PT

Winners from prior heats compete to win up to \$75,000 for the charity of their choice. Judge: **Simon Majumdar**.

After each episode, viewers can visit FoodNetwork.com/Cutthroat for Alton's insider take on the week's sabotages in *Alton's After-Show*, along with exclusive behind-the-scenes photos from the competition.

Cutthroat Kitchen is produced by Embassy Row.

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