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## **FOOD NETWORK STAR**

### *Season 12 - Episode Descriptions*

#### **Premiering Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9pm ET/PT – SEASON PREMIERE!**

“Cinematic Debut!”

In the season premiere, 12 *Food Network Star* hopefuls must shoot a 30-second screen test to give viewers a culinary preview of what they are all about, as the videos debut at a VIP event at a luxury theater in Los Angeles in front of an audience. When **Giada De Laurentiis** and **Bobby Flay** surprise the finalists with news that the *Food Network Star: Comeback Kitchen* winner will join the competition as the 13<sup>th</sup> finalist, will the competitors be able to handle the twist and keep their eyes on the prize? Special guests **Valerie Bertinelli** and **Tyler Florence** help Giada and Bobby decide who will be the first competitor to be sent home.

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

“Mash Up Throwdown”

The remaining 12 finalists are paired up as they take on the task of shooting their culinary travelogue report, as special guest **Haylie Duff** joins Bobby and Giada to determine which team was best and earns an advantage when **Rev Run** challenges the finalists to compete head-to-head, mashing up two different cooking styles into one dish; the finalists must then compete in the food-world equivalent of a rap battle! Who will convince the crowd that their dish is the best? In a surprise twist, two finalists are sent packing!

#### **Premiering Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

“Show Promos”

The remaining finalists pair up to shoot a promo for their version of a show called *Family Roadtrip!* Whether their destination is a camping trip, the state fair, or even Grandma’s house, their promo and dishes had better impress Giada and Bobby, along with special guest judges **Ali Larter** and *Food Network Magazine* Editor-in-Chief **Maile Carpenter** as one more finalist is eliminated.

#### **Premiering Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

“Room Service Revenge”

First the remaining nine finalists test their skills in front of the camera, as they try their hand at delivering trendy remote food reports for *Entertainment Tonight* co-hosts **Kevin Frazier** and **Nancy O’Dell**. Then, the competitors must handle comic curveballs from guest judges **Jesse Tyler Ferguson** and Internet sensation **Hannah Hart**, as they join Bobby and Giada in an upscale hotel to create a special room service dining experience, with someone ultimately going home.

#### **Premiering Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

“Motorsports Tailgating”

Who knew that guest judge **Robert Irvine** is such a huge fan of auto racing? Robert loves motorsports and the inevitable tailgating that comes along with it so much, that he challenges the remaining finalists to create a dish worthy of a world-class tailgate party! Robert and fellow guest judge **Katie Lee** help Giada and Bobby decide which finalist does not impress and must go home.

#### **Premiering Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

“Good Mythical Morning”

**Duff Goldman** joins Bobby and Giada as the finalists aim to take their culinary prowess to new levels, as they create ‘edible art’ – dishes that are artistically arranged with their plating to look like a piece of art. Then, two of the biggest ‘Internetainers’ out there **Rhett & Link**, hosts of the wildly popular internet series *Good Mythical Morning*, join Giada and Bobby. Their daily talk show features a popular food segment ‘Will It?’ in which they pair unlikely food ingredients



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together. In this challenge, the remaining seven finalists each take a spin as a guest on *Good Mythical Morning* in their very own "Will It?" Bobby and Giada will decide who will stay and who will go home.

#### **Premiering Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **"Tiki Takeover"**

The remaining six finalists have to be ready for anything, as they are tasked with baking a dish from a pantry stocked only with frozen foods. Special guest **Lorraine Pascale** helps Bobby and Giada determine whose dish makes the cut. Then it's time for one of the most festive trends out there – a Tiki party! The finalists are split into teams of three, as they must create an island-inspired menu, then take the stage for a team food demo to a crowd of partygoers. Special guest judge **Anne Burrell** will help Giada and Bobby pick the best Tiki team, and send another finalist home.

#### **Premiering Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **"Guilty Pleasures Dinner"**

Guilty Pleasures, everyone has them and Food Network stars love to dish on them. In this challenge, the remaining finalists join forces to create a five-course meal composed of nothing but over-the-top guilty pleasure dishes. Each finalist gives a presentation of their course, describing their unique take in all its guilty glory to Bobby and Giada, and guest judges **Alex Guarnaschelli** and **Trisha Yearwood**. One finalists' guilty pleasure dish does not hit the mark, sending another competitor home.

#### **Premiering Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **"Food Holiday Fray"**

There is nothing like the holidays on Food Network. In this challenge the remaining four finalists are each assigned a different holiday party and take turns planning and hosting their own holiday special! Special guests **Tia Mowry** and **Donal Skehan** are on hand to help Giada and Bobby taste the food and watch the holiday specials, and determine which three finalists move one step closer to their dream.

#### **Premiering Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT**

##### **"Pushing For a Pilot"**

It's down to three finalists, but there's a surprise in store when an eliminated finalist re-enters the competition, after winning *Star Salvation* on [FoodNetwork.com](http://FoodNetwork.com). The final four competitors battle it out with the help of former finalists assisting as sous chefs. Past *Food Network Star* winner **Aarti Sequeira** is on hand to help select which three finalists move on to shoot their own Food Network pilots with none other than **Guy Fieri** directing them!

#### **Premiering Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9pm ET/PT – SEASON FINALE!**

##### **"A New Food Network Star"**

After 10 grueling weeks of the toughest culinary challenges on television, the final three finalists watch their Food Network pilots with Bobby and Giada. One finalist will be crowned the season 12 winner and will take their rightful place as the next Food Network Star!

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