



Spring Baking Championship *Host and Judges Bios (2018)*

Ali Khan

As the son of South Asian immigrants, Ali Khan learned to embrace exotic cuisine at a young age. It was inevitable that his passion for food shaped his professional career, and led him to become *BlackBook Magazine's* Senior Editor of Los Angeles Dining and Nightlife Guide at age 26. In addition, Ali dedicated his writing skills to several popular lifestyle websites, including *Urban Daddy*, *LA TACO*, and was a regular contributor to *You Gotta Eat This*. In 2015, Ali launched the successful blog series *Bang For Your Burger Buck*. His passion for all things epicurean combined with his B.A. in Theater Studies from University of Southern California led him to Food Network where he has appeared on *Grill It with Bobby Flay*, *Best Thing I Ever Made*, and *Chopped Junior*. Ali is also the host of Cooking Channel's *Cheap Eats* traveling across the country in search of the best deals on the best meals. When Ali is not on the road, he resides with his wife and son in Austin, Texas.

Duff Goldman

Duff Goldman graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with degrees in history and philosophy. He then went on to study at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, and from there went on to work at several acclaimed culinary destinations, including French Laundry, Vail Cascade Hotel, and Todd English's Olives before returning to Baltimore in 2000 to become a personal chef. In March 2002, he opened Charm City Cakes, and it soon became a household name on Food Network's series *Ace of Cakes*. He currently serves as a judge on the network's *Spring Baking Championship* and *Holiday Baking Championship*, and is a co-host of *Kids Baking Championship*. In 2011, Duff was nominated for two James Beard Foundation awards for Best TV Food Personality/Host and Best Television Program. He published his first cookbook book in 2015 entitled, *Duff Bakes: Think and Bake Like a Pro at Home*. In addition to owning and operating Charm City Cakes, Charm City Cakes West and Duff's Cake Mix, Duff is also a sculptor, artist, and musician, and has an affinity for wearing his signature hockey jerseys.

Nancy Fuller

Nancy Fuller got her start as the host of Food Network's *Farmhouse Rules*, where she cooks wholesome, simple meals from the heart of her home- the kitchen of her authentic 17th-century farmhouse on beautiful, rolling land in New York's Hudson Valley. Nancy is also a judge on Food Network's *Holiday Baking Championship* in addition to *Spring Baking Championship*. As a loving mother of six and grandmother to 13, Nancy is not a stranger to supplying food in large quantities as she is also the owner of Ginsberg's Foods, a multimillion-dollar food distributor business that she runs with her husband.

Lorraine Pascale

Lorraine Pascale is best known for her string of hit TV series, which include BBC 2's *Baking Made Easy*, *Home Cooking Made Easy*, and Cooking Channel's *Fresh, Fast and Easy Food*. She currently serves as a judge on Food Network's *Holiday Baking Championship*, *Spring Baking Championship*, and host of *Bakers vs. Fake*s. In addition to her TV series, she has authored 6 best-selling books and made a documentary, *Fostering & Me*, in which she looked at her own experience of being fostered as a child and the experiences of foster children. Prior to her cooking career, Lorraine was a top model. After the birth of her daughter, she experimented with other careers, including becoming a trained hypnotherapist, interior designer and mechanic, before attending the Leith's School of Food and Wine.

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