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## IT'S A HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA AS FOOD NETWORK AND COOKING CHANNEL CELEBRATE THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT WITH NEW HALLOWEEN SERIES, SPECIALS AND RETURNING FAN-FAVORITES

***New Seasons of Halloween Baking Championship, Halloween Wars, and Haunted Gingerbread Showdown Return to Food Network, Plus New Series Halloween Cake-Off and All-New Halloween Specials***

### ***Cooking Channel Premieres New Series Freakshow Cakes***

**NEW YORK – August 22, 2019** – Food Network and Cooking Channel get into the Halloween spirit with over 30 hours of thematic programming dedicated to the scariest and most delicious holiday of the year, featuring four new series and specials, four returning seasonal stunts, as well as specially-themed episodes in nine recurring series giving viewers even more Halloween frights and bites than last year. Featuring everything from expert pumpkin carvers to sugar artists to creative bakers, all with extraordinary skills and incredible imaginations, there is something for everyone this Halloween season. A cadre of stars get the action going, including **Jonathan Bennett, Valerie Bertinelli, Duff Goldman, Carla Hall, John Henson, Clinton Kelly, Casey Webb** and more. Food Network kicks the season off with the return of Halloween primetime staples *Halloween Baking Championship* on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm, *Halloween Wars* on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9pm, and *Haunted Gingerbread Showdown* on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10pm, along with the premiere of the all-new four-episode stunt, *Halloween Cake-Off* on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10pm. New specials on Food Network include *Kids Baking Championship: Tricks & Treats* on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9pm and *Outrageous Pumpkins* on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. Cooking Channel also premieres new series, *Freakshow Cakes* on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11pm ET/8pm PT.

“Food Network is the ultimate destination for Halloween-themed content, showcasing the holiday like no one else can with nail-biting competitions and jaw-dropping creations that viewers just can’t get enough of,” said Courtney White, President, Food Network and Cooking Channel. “With *Halloween Baking Championship* and *Halloween Wars* both seeing series-high ratings last year, we knew we had to deliver even more tricks and treats this holiday season, upping the ante across both networks.”

[\*Halloween Baking Championship\*](#) returns on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm ET/PT with more hauntingly delectable treats. Judges **Carla Hall, Katie Lee** and **Zac Young**, join host **John Henson** to test the skills of eight talented bakers who must show off their skills over six episodes with terrifyingly delicious challenges. From skeleton desserts to monster madness, only one baker can frighten the competition for a chance to win the \$25,000 grand prize and to be featured in *Food Network Magazine*. Fans that can’t get enough of the scary competition, go behind the scenes with the digital companion series, *Halloween Baking Championship: Extra Sweet*. Spend a day with the judges as they are transformed into otherworldly creatures, and watch the crew build the sets and prep the pantry for the season’s creations.

On Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10pm ET/PT, **Duff Goldman** hosts new series [\*Halloween Cake-Off\*](#), as four professional bakers from around the country compete in unconventional baking and design challenges where flavor is only the tip of the icing. In this four-episode stunt, the bakers are tested to find out who is best at making the creepiest and most innovative Halloween cakes that must also transform in mystifying ways. From haunted and cursed cakes to dead and living creations, the competitor who wows judges **Duff Goldman, Dan Langan** and **Waylynn Lucas** with the most over-the-top edible work of art will be crowned winner of *Halloween Cake-Off* and earn the \$10,000 grand prize.

It’s scary spiders galore as four fan-favorite kid bakers return for a special trick-or-treat episode of [\*Kids Baking Championship: Tricks & Treats\*](#) on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT. **Valerie Bertinelli** and **Duff Goldman** challenge the young bakers



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to create the spookiest spider web desserts, but only one junior baker will rise to the top and take home the ultimate baker's dream prize of baking equipment and supplies.

*Road to Halloween Wars* returns on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm ET/PT to give viewers a look at the new batch of talented pumpkin carvers, cake and sugar artists, competing in the new season of *Halloween Wars*. See how these ghoulish geniuses hone their craft with dreams of victory on the new season of *Halloween Wars*, premiering on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9pm ET/PT. Host **Jonathan Bennett** oversees all the thrills and chills as six teams each made up of an expert pumpkin carver, a cake artist and a sugar master battle it out over five episodes to create frighteningly fun Halloween-themed edible displays that are as scary as they are delicious. Their creations are judged by award-winning cake decorator **Shinmin Li**, horror film special effects master **Todd Tucker**, and a rotating panel of celebrity guest judges, including **Colman Domingo** (*Fear the Walking Dead*), **Caleb McLaughlin** (*Stranger Things*), **Jackson Rathbone** (*Twilight* saga), **Harley Quinn Smith** (*Tusk*), and **Elvira: Mistress of the Dark!** The last team standing takes home a grand prize of \$50,000.

On the new special, *Outrageous Pumpkins*, four elite pumpkin carvers come together for a Halloween pumpkin carving competition that defies expectations. Hosted by **Casey Webb**, through three rounds of challenges these spectacularly talented artists use carving and sculpting tools ranging from toothpicks to saws to execute their amazingly intricate Halloween designs. The carver who impresses the expert panel of judges the most takes home a \$10,000 prize. Don't miss all the spine-tingling creations on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10pm ET/PT.

Get ready for a whole lot of gingerbread on the return of *Haunted Gingerbread Showdown*, premiering Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10pm ET/PT. Host **Clinton Kelly** welcomes nine of the greatest gingerbread artists in the world to face-off in gingerbread displays so spooky they will cause nightmares. **Jamika Pessoa**, **Gesine Prado** and **Jason Smith** determine who will advance to the finale to battle it out for \$25,000 and a feature in *Food Network Magazine*.

Cooking Channel gets into the Halloween fun in *Freakshow Cakes*, premiering on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11pm ET/8pm PT. In each episode of this one-of-a-kind cake showdown co-hosted by **Zac Young** and **Vivian Chan**, three of the most sinister cake artists step into a side-show tent to whip up the freakiest cakes imaginable. The baker who showcases the most wildly imaginative and hair-raising cake design wins \$10,000 and the title of Freakshow Champion.

On Food Network, don't miss special sweets and treats-themed episodes of *Barefoot Contessa: Cook Like a Pro*; *Chopped*; *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*; *Girl Meets Farm*; *Guy's Grocery Games*; *Guy's Ranch Kitchen*; *The Kitchen*; *The Pioneer Woman* and *Trisha's Southern Kitchen*.

Check out [FoodNetwork.com](http://FoodNetwork.com) and [CookingChanneltv.com](http://CookingChanneltv.com) for your Halloween destination to watch exclusive clips, browse photo galleries, and meet the judges and teams from #HalloweenWars, #HalloweenBakingChampionship, Haunted #GingerbreadShowdown, #HalloweenCakeOff, #OutrageousPumpkins and #FreakshowCakes. And don't miss recipes, entertaining Halloween tips, and expert advice from your favorite stars – guaranteed to make your holidays go creep in the night!

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