



Food Network Highlights

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Baking Month



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Sweet Smarts (Thursday, 1 June at 6.30pm) ****Premiere****

Queensland local Dessert Queen **Elise Strachan** does what she knows best, creating delicious, easy and buzz worthy treats that will get you baking and send your social media likes skyrocketing.

Sugar and Sparks (Thursday, 1 June at 7.00pm) ****Premiere****

American Idol winner and hobbyist baker **Jordin Sparks** seeks help from cake master **Duff Goldman** while she tackles her first professional cupcake order for fellow *American Idol* alumnus **Brandon Rogers'** album release party. After bringing in her two best friends to help her whip up 100 Orange Chocolate cupcakes and 100 Strawberry Moscato Cupcakes, she soon discovers that it's not so easy.

Cake Wars (Weekends from Saturday, 3 June at 6.30pm) ****New Series Premiere****

While there are plenty of masterful bakers out there, only few have the skills to win *Cake Wars*. **Jonathan Bennett** hosts a brand new season of this gruelling competition where four expert bakers go to-to-toe to see whose mind-blowing cake creation will be the star of a major event, earning them a \$10,000 prize.

Cake Masters (Weekdays from Friday, 23 June at 6.30pm) ****New Series Premiere****

Known for his elaborate cakes, cake master **Duff Goldman** has opened a new bakery in Los Angeles where he's been fielding unimaginably extreme cake requests from A-list clients. To bring these cakes to life, he gets his crew of dessert masters, sculptors, special effects artists and architects to make the magic happen.

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Winter Warmers



Weeknights at 5.30pm from Monday, 5 June to Friday, 1 September on Food Network

Food Network traverses the globe this winter. From Mexico to California, the Middle East and India, these favourites combine earthy spices, vibrant cultures and warm weather to keep the cold at bay.

Mexican Made Easy (season five) From Monday, 5 June

Chef **Marcela Valladolid** shares her simple and no-fuss recipes for flavourful, fun and authentic Mexican food that's inspired by her dual Mexican and Californian upbringing, transforming stereotypes into healthy and easy to prepare meals.

Mexican Fiesta with Peter Kuruvita (season one) From Thursday, 22 June

Acclaimed chef **Peter Kuruvita** embarks on a breathtaking journey through Mexico, exploring the vibrant, mouth-watering flavours that make Mexican cuisine one of the world's favourite cuisines.

Shane Delia's Spice Journey: Turkey (season one) From Thursday, 6 July

Shane Delia journeys to beautiful Turkey for a contemporary take on Middle Eastern flavours and dishes, celebrating a love for the cultures that make up the Middle East.

Reza: Spice Prince of India (season one) From Thursday, 20 July

The Spice Prince returns this winter to cook with a rainbow of Indian spices amidst locals and against the backdrop of beautiful palaces, preparing 100-year-old recipes used to serve generations of Raj royalty.

Pati's Mexican Table (season three) From Thursday, 3 August

Chef **Pati Jinich** travels deep into her native country of Mexico, and opens up her home in Washington DC for a look at her family life. Her enthusiasm and flavourful Mexican recipes – from tacos to tamales and churros con cajeta – will turn any winter dish into a fiesta.

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Cake Masters



Weeknights at 6.30pm on Food Network (6 Parts)

****Final Episodes****

Known for his massive and elaborate cakes, cake master **Duff Goldman** has opened a new bakery in Los Angeles, California, where he's been fielding unimaginably extreme cake requests from A-list clients. To bring these incredible and unpredictable cake requests to life, Duff taps his crew of dessert masters, sculptors, special effect artists and architects to make the magic happen.

Season One, Episode Two: Hollywood Panorama Cake (Monday, 26 June)

It's a Hollywood extravaganza. Duff and his team create a panoramic cityscape of Tinseltown for a billion-dollar bash. As the bakers rush to deliver the cake, El Nino rains on Duff's parade.

Episode Three: Monster Truck Cake (Tuesday, 27 June)

Bakers race to construct and deliver a four-wheeled showstopper of a monster truck cake, and a working guitar - made of pure cake.

Episode Four: Transformers Mega Cake (Wednesday, 28 June)

Duff and his team of decorators make a mega Transformers cake that actually transforms. They tackle a massive stadium cake to celebrate the big game, and sneak in a surprise for Duff.

Episode Five: Dockers Cake (Thursday, 29 June)

Duff and his crew get a casual khaki makeover and fashion an amazing cake for Dockers' anniversary, complete with a giant ship, dock and San Francisco cityscape.

Episode Six: Flaming-Hot Fiesta Cake (Friday, 30 June) **Final Episode**

Things get hot as the crew create a fire-shooting Mexican fiesta cake for hot sauce giant Tapatio and a towering cookie cake for a Los Angeles convention.

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Mystery Diners



Monday, 26 June to Tuesday, 27 June at 9.30pm on Food Network (8 Parts)

****Final Episodes****

To find out what their employees are really up to when they aren't around, bosses of restaurants, bars and food service establishments recruit the help of mystery diners. Going under cover with hidden cameras, these operatives set out to capture what happens when employees are left alone.

Season One, Episode Five: F for Effort (Monday, 26 June at 9.30pm)

A Mystery Diner goes undercover as a waiter and discovers several problem employees who are threatening patrons, drinking on the job and eating customers' food.

Episode Six: Managing Disaster (Monday, 26 June at 10.00pm)

Mystery Diners go undercover as waitresses to see if the manager of Amaro Pizzeria and Vino Lounge in Arizona is hiring attractive waitresses over qualified ones.

Episode Seven: Grumpy Tom (Tuesday, 27 June at 9.30pm)

Long-time chef 'Grumpy Tom' has a knack for disrespecting everyone in his restaurant, including the new owner. Jessica goes undercover to prove just how grumpy Tom is and how his attitude negatively affects business.

Episode Eight: Undercover Brother (Tuesday, 27 June at 10.00pm)

****Final Episode****

The owner of a Las Vegas bistro fears his restaurant manager may not be doing the greatest job in his role. The hardest part: the manager is his brother.

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Cupcake Wars



**Tuesday, 27 June at 7.30pm on Food Network
(13 Parts)**

****New Episode****

Cupcake Wars pits Cupcake vs Cupcake in Food Network's tastiest competition yet. In each episode, four of LA's top cupcake bakers will face off in front of host **Justin Willman**, for a huge prize opportunity. There will be one major event up for grabs like a movie premiere or a celebrity wedding, and based off of taste and presentation only one will win the gig. Put on a helmet, pick up the frosting gun and get ready for battle. The war is on.

Season Nine, Episode Nine: Barbie

Barbie is moving to a new dream house, and four extraordinary bakers with a long history of winning Cupcake Wars championships are coming back to battle to get their cupcakes at the centre of the festivities. Lisa McKnight, Vice President of Mattel's North American division, is on hand to help determine which baker deserves the cash prize.

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Cooks Vs Cons



Tuesday, 27 June and Friday, 30 June at 8.30pm on Food Network (12 Parts)

****Final Episodes****

Geoffrey Zakarian hosts the second season of this cooking competition, a battle which asks the ultimate question: could a talented home cook beat a pro, or does a true professional have skills that no amateur could match?

Season Two, Episode Eleven: Pizza Pizzazz (Tuesday, 27 June)

Judges Anne Burrell and Alex Guarnaschelli try to avoid a carb overload as the cooks deconstruct pizza to accent their Parmesan-inspired dishes. Then, the pros try to separate themselves from the home cooks as they create masterpieces from deli food.

Episode Twelve: Fish and Chips Championships (Friday, 30 June)

The British staple of fish and chips makes its way across the pond as the cooks fry up their interpretations for judges Alex Guarnaschelli and Katie Lee. Later, the competition gets reheated as Thanksgiving leftovers are used to create a winning dish.

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Born to Cook: Jack Stein Down Under



**Wednesday, 28 June at 7.30pm on Food Network
(4 Parts)**

****New Series Premiere****

Jack Stein is the young chef at the helm of the generation of Brits shaking up the restaurant scene. Quick, charming and ever-so deprecatingly British, Jack's recently taken charge of the nine restaurants under the Stein brand conceived by his celebrity father, Rick. Along with his father, Jack's in Margaret River for the annual pilgrimage to Gourmet Escape, and with the weight of a restaurant empire behind him, Jack is on a mission to find fresh inspiration and unique ingredients across the pond, in the foodie that's Australia's South-West.

Season One, Episode One: (7.30pm)

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Food: Fact or Fiction?



**Thursday, 29 June at 7.30pm on Food Network
(6 Parts)**

****Final Double Episode****

On *Food: Fact or Fiction?*, host **Michael McKean** explores age-old adages and uncovers fascinating food mysteries that are baked inside all food. From pancakes to burgers to apple pie, Michael reveals the accidental discoveries, clever marketing ploys, and war propaganda campaigns that have flavoured the most favourite dishes with a spoonful of fact and a dash of fiction.

Season One, Episode Five: Breakfast (7.30pm)

Michael reveals the truth behind the most important meal of the day. From coffee to pancakes to bacon, find out how some sneaky marketing ploys and acts of sin have shaped what's eaten for breakfast in America. Does coffee really stunt growth? Is the recipe for flapjacks rooted in sin? Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but who said that and is it really true? Get ready to wake up and smell the facts as to how morning meals have come to taste so sinfully delicious.

Episode Six: Hungry for Love (8.00pm)

Michael digs into the heart of food and love. Chocolate and romance go hand in hand, but is this love affair really backed up by chemistry? Couples today can't tie the knot without saying "I do" to their dream wedding cake, but did this tradition actually begin with a baguette? There's nothing like keeping the spark alive by sharing some sensual oysters with your sweetheart, but are oysters really an aphrodisiac? We get the dish on our favourite romantic recipes and find out if it's really true love or just a fictional fling.

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Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes



**Thursday, 29 June at 8.30pm on Food Network
(6 Parts)**

****New Episode****

Rick Stein journeys across the beautiful Mediterranean, visiting islands and places that radiate a vibrant sense of individuality through their spirit, history and food. From spices and perfumes to the lavish use of wine and herbs, Mediterranean food is a large culinary mosaic full of colour, taste and smells created by the Arabs, Greeks, Italians, Spanish, and Turks. Join Rick as he travels from Corsica to Crete, straight through the very cradle of cooking in the western world.

Season One, Episode Five: Mallorca and Catalonia

From Corfu, Rick heads to the Spanish island of Mallorca, where he eats what he describes as the most succulent lamb he has ever tasted. He interprets Mallorcan-style cooking with his Chicken with sobrasada, a soft and spreadable Mallorcan sausage made with pork loin and fat, paprika, salt and cayenne pepper. Rick then travels to Barcelona's La Boqueria market of St Joseph, the best place to eat Catalan food. With Catalonia in mind, he cooks the local food of salt cod fritters with allioli, a punchy garlic sauce.

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Chopped



Friday, 30 June at 7.30pm on Food Network (8 Parts)
****Final Episode****

Chopped continues its 30th season of competition that's all about skill, speed and ingenuity where four up-and-coming chefs compete before a panel of three expert judges and take everyday items and turn them into an extraordinary three-course meal.

Season Thirty, Episode Eight: New Year's Bash

It's the first ever *Chopped* New Year's party and the competitors get the celebration started with an extravagant appetizer basket that includes \$50 dollars worth of caviar and other pricy ingredients. The chefs find more premium items in the entree baskets, as well as a traditional southern New Year's legume. The last two chefs in this New Year's fight face some dressed-up ice cream cones and a limited number of grapes for dessert.

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