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CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN ON FOOD NETWORK WITH THRILLS, CHILLS, AND MOUTH-WATERING EPISODES OF YOUR FAVORITE SHOWS

Don't Miss New Seasons of Halloween Baking Championship and Halloween Wars, and Premiere of New Series Haunted Gingerbread Showdown.

Plus, Halloween-Themed Specials and a Halloween Spooktacular with Trisha Yearwood!

NEW YORK – August 23, 2018 – 'Tis the season for frights and delights, as Food Network rolls out two returning series, one all-new competition, plus five sensational specials capturing the Halloween spirit for over 20 hours of thematic holiday programming. The lineup features new seasons of fan-favorites *Halloween Baking Championship* and *Halloween Wars*, along with new Halloween-themed specials featuring some of Food Network's biggest stars, including **Duff Goldman** and **Trisha Yearwood**. And don't miss new series *Haunted Gingerbread Showdown*, as Food Network celebrates the scariest, and the most wickedly-delicious holiday of the year.

"Food Network kicks off the holiday season with the return of our Halloween programming lineup that features familiar faces and spine-tingling competitions that capture and exceed viewers' imagination," said Courtney White, General Manager and Executive Vice President, Programming, Food Network and HGTV. "From spell-binding edible sensations to colorful costumes and more, Food Network is the go-to destination for jaw-dropping Halloween creations that feature mind-blowing skill and artistry."

[*Halloween Baking Championship*](#) returns on [Monday, September 24th at 9pm ET/PT](#) and is filled with more hauntingly delicious treats. Comedian **John Henson**, along with judges **Carla Hall**, **Lorraine Pascale**, and **Zac Young** test the skills of eight talented bakers as they show off their creepiest, scariest skills over six episodes with bone-chilling challenges. From spider web desserts to towering confections of terror, only one will frighten the competition for a chance to be featured in *Food Network Magazine* as the winner of *Halloween Baking Championship*, along with the \$25,000 grand prize! Take a look back at some of the most outrageous moments and disgustingly-decadent desserts from seasons past on *Best of Halloween Baking Championship*, premiering [Monday, October 1st at 10pm ET/PT](#), with host John Henson counting down all the diabolical desserts and creepy ingredients that viewers have come to love.

On [Sunday, September 30th at 8pm ET/PT](#), viewers get a behind the scenes look at the weeks and months leading up to the best pumpkin carvers, cake and sugar artists entering the [Halloween Wars](#) kitchen, on *Road to Halloween Wars*. Year round, these gleefully ghoulish geniuses work to hone their craft, with dreams of supreme victory. From points near and far around the globe, find out who has what it takes to be chosen to compete in the new season of *Halloween Wars*, which premieres on [Sunday, September 30th at 9pm ET/PT](#). **Jonathan Bennett** returns to host 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 Halloween-themed edible displays that are as scary as they are delicious. Each teams' 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 movie director **Mick Garris**, **Gaten Matarazzo** (*Stranger Things*), and more, to determine which team takes home the grand prize of \$50,000! And don't miss *Halloween Wars: Even More Monstrous Scares*, premiering [Sunday, September 30th at 10pm ET/PT](#). Each Halloween for nearly a decade, the world's greatest pumpkin carvers, cake and sugar artists have joined forces to bring to life the most mind-blowing and terrifying Halloween creations imaginable, as they compete for the grand prize. It's time to dig up even more of the creepiest ghosts, scariest witches, werewolves, yummiest treats, and most mind-blowing displays in the history of *Halloween Wars*.



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This Halloween, Food Network is putting the haunted back into haunted house with the thrilling competition [Haunted Gingerbread Showdown](#), premiering Sunday, October 7th at 10pm ET/PT. Over four episodes, host **Sandra Lee** pits nine of the best gingerbread artists in the country against each other to create spooky gingerbread masterpieces that embody the season. Judges **Jamika Pessoa** and **Jason Smith** are joined by rotating judges, including the “Mistress of the Dark” herself, **Elvira**, to determine the winners of the first three heats, who will square off against each other in the finale for a chance to win the ultimate Halloween treat -- \$25,000 and to be featured in *Food Network Magazine*. But beware, these aren't your grandma's cute gingerbread houses. With surprises lurking around every corner, these wildly haunted original creations tell a darker story.

There are even more outlandish and spooky cakes on the hour-long special [Halloween Cake-Off](#), premiering on Monday, October 8th at 10pm ET/PT. Cake master Duff Goldman hosts this unconventional competition where four professional bakers must prove their expertise in the studio kitchen and within their own bakeries. For the first challenge in the studio, the bakers create cakes incorporating a surprise selection of candies and treats, but one will be ghosted from the competition. With three remaining bakers, they head back to their bakeries to design, bake, and construct an elaborate Halloween-themed showpiece cake that transforms from good to evil by either moving, bursting, shattering or even melting. The one that impresses judges **Waylynn Lucas** and **Pichet Ong** with presentation, transformation, and taste, will take home \$10,000 and be crowned winner of the *Halloween Cake-Off*!

Trisha Yearwood is throwing her biggest party ever for her favorite holiday on [Trisha's Halloween Spooktacular](#), premiering Monday, October 15th at 8pm ET/PT. Join Trisha as she shares eye-popping tricks and treats for the ultimate Halloween party. Along with her best friends, Trisha goes into full preparation mode for the ghoulish gala, from trying on costumes to preparing her most elaborate Halloween-themed dishes to checking out Nashville's most popular Halloween-themed bar, Trisha's guests will experience a night they will never forget, ending with a Zombie-filled, candy-coated Halloween jam!

Check out FoodNetwork.com for your Halloween destination to watch exclusive clips, browse photo galleries, and meet the judges and teams from [#HalloweenWars](#), [#HalloweenBakingChampionship](#), and Haunted [#GingerbreadShowdown](#). 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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