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FOOD NETWORK AND BELOVED CHEF AND PERSONALITY ALEX GUARNASCHELLI SIGN MULTI-YEAR, MULTI-PLATFORM AGREEMENT

New York – April 4, 2019 – Chef **Alex Guarnaschelli**, has struck a new and now exclusive multi-year, multi-platform deal with Food Network, it was announced today by network president, Courtney White. The new agreement consists of projects in primetime and daytime, and across Food Network’s linear and digital platforms, including hosting a new, primetime series and joining the Saturday morning culinary-chat show, *The Kitchen*, as a recurring co-host. The longtime fan-favorite will also continue in her role as judge on the iconic competition series, *Chopped*, as well as create and host additional episodes of her award-winning digital series, *Fix Me a Plate*, which features the chef going behind the scenes at some of her favorite restaurants.

“Alex Guarnaschelli’s passion comes through in everything she does – as a mother, chef, host and judge she has captivated our audience with her charismatic personality, sharp wit, and comedic-timing. Not just a favorite of Food Network’s audience, Alex is equally sought after by Food Network talent who love having her on their shows,” said White. “I am thrilled and excited this Iron Chef will remain in our Food Network family, continuing to entertain and engage fans across all of our platforms for years to come.”

“Food Network has been my extended family for as long as I can remember, and if I didn’t have a knife in my hand right now, I would pinch myself at the thought that I get to continue to have the opportunity to create so much fun and delicious content and memories,” said Guarnaschelli.

Alex Guarnaschelli is a world-renowned chef who, after attending La Varenne Culinary School in Burgundy, France, began her international culinary journey training in Paris and New York with some of the world’s most acclaimed chefs including Guy Savoy and Daniel Boulud. In 2003, Guarnaschelli was given the opportunity to expand her repertoire and become the executive chef at Butter, where she has since created her own eclectic American and green-market inspired menu. Guarnaschelli first appeared on Food Network in 2006 as a competitor on *Food Network Challenge*, and since has been part of over 600 episodes of programming on the network. She is a recurring judge on the popular Food Network series *Chopped* and host of award-winning digital series, *Fix Me a Plate*. Alex bested nine rival chefs to win *The Next Iron Chef: Redemption*, earning the coveted title of Iron Chef. She has also been featured as a guest co-host on *Beat Bobby Flay*, with numerous guest appearances on *Guy’s Grocery Games*, *Guy’s Ranch Kitchen*, Cooking Channel’s *The Best Thing I Ever Ate*, and more. Guarnaschelli is also the author of the cookbooks *Old-School Comfort Food: The Way I Learned to Cook* (2013) and *The Home Cook: Recipes to Know by Heart* (2017).

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