

BUDDY VALASTRO RETURNS TO FOOD NETWORK AND TLC THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The *Cake Boss* Competes Against Expert Craft Masters on Food Network's *Buddy vs. Christmas*, Premiering on Sunday, November 22nd at 10pm ET/PT

Follow Buddy's Journey to Heal His Hand After a Serious Accident at His Home on An All-New Two-Hour TLC Special *Buddy Valastro: Road to Recovery*, Premiering on Wednesday, December 23rd at 9pm ET/PT

NEW YORK – October 26, 2020 – Buddy Valastro embarks on an extraordinary new Christmas-themed competition on Food Network as he goes head-to-head with the greatest non-cake artists on *Buddy vs. Christmas*, premiering on Sunday, November 22nd at 10pm ET/PT. It's bakers vs. makers as their skills are tested in each of the four episodes, as Buddy and his team of bakers goes up against an award-winning scenic designer, a glassblower, an animatronics expert, and a Lego builder. With only 24 hours to capture the spirit of the holidays with their creations, the one that rises to the top with their elaborate design will be crowned winner. From life-size gingerbread houses and snow globes, to incredible toys including drivable sleigh cakes and action figures, and to Santa's workshop complete with talking reindeer, each creation brings holiday enchantment to life!

"As the *Cake Boss*, Buddy has mastered the creation of gigantic, life-sized, and incredibly realistic cakes. Now, viewers will be captivated as he takes on his most difficult challenge yet by competing against master builders and expert crafters – it's cake creations vs. real build designs on *Buddy vs. Christmas*," said Courtney White, President, Food Network. "Audiences will be stunned by the remarkable Christmas designs in each episode, with all their spectacular details and special effects, making each one more impressive than the last."

The cake designs on *Buddy Vs. Christmas* were some of the last cake's Buddy constructed, as the series was filmed prior to a recent accident at his home, where his right hand was impaled, and he was rushed into emergency surgery. TLC's two-hour special *Buddy Valastro: Road to Recovery*, premiering on Wednesday, December 23rd at 9pm ET/PT, follows the dramatic events as they transpired in real time with footage captured immediately after the incident. It's a long, emotional journey, from Buddy's multiple surgeries, to his family anxiously waiting at the hospital, to grueling physical therapy, and to his first days back at the job. As business deadlines loom, commitments for over-the-top cakes stack up, and the holiday season around the corner, the stakes couldn't be higher. But above all, Buddy faces the ultimate question: Can you still be the *Cake Boss* if you can't make cakes?

"Buddy is like family to all of us at TLC, so we are thrilled and relieved for him that he is on the road to recovery following his accident," said Howard Lee, President and General Manager, TLC. "Knowing Buddy's determination and spirit, it's no surprise that he would give it his all in the hopes of returning back to normal. We are proud to document his journey as part of this special."

For more on *Buddy vs. Christmas* fans can head to [FoodNetwork.com/BuddyvsChristmas](https://www.foodnetwork.com/BuddyvsChristmas) each week to watch behind-the-scenes games with Buddy and to get seasonal recipe inspiration just in time for the holidays. Plus, follow #BuddyvsChristmas for tips from Buddy on how to rescue your baking fails and learn his top tips for sweet success. For more on *Buddy Valastro: Road to Recovery* visit TLC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#), and [YouTube](#).

Buddy vs. Christmas and *Buddy Valastro: Road to Recovery* were produced by Cakehouse Media.

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Food Network (www.foodnetwork.com) is a unique lifestyle network, website and magazine that connects viewers to the power and joy of food. The network strives to be viewers' best friend in food and is committed to leading by teaching, inspiring, empowering

and entertaining through its talent and expertise. Food Network is distributed to nearly 100 million U.S. households and draws over 46 million unique web users monthly. Since launching in 2009, Food Network Magazine's rate base has grown 13 times and is the No. 2 best-selling monthly magazine on the newsstand, with 13.5 million readers. Food Network is owned by Discovery, Inc., a global leader in real life entertainment spanning 220 countries and territories; the portfolio also includes Discovery Channel, HGTV, TLC, Investigation Discovery, and OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network.

ABOUT TLC

Offering remarkable real-life stories without judgment, TLC shares everyday heart, humor, hope, and human connection with programming genres that include fascinating families, heartwarming transformations and life's milestone moments. TLC is the #1 primetime ad-supported cable network across key female demos.

TLC is a global brand available in more than 84 million homes in the US and 270 million households around the world. Viewers can enjoy their favorite shows anytime, anywhere through TLC GO – the network's TVE offering featuring live and on demand access to complete seasons. A destination online, [TLC.com](https://www.tlc.com) offers in-depth fan sites and exclusive original video content. Fans can also interact with TLC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Pinterest. TLC is part of Discovery (NASDAQ: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), reaching 3 billion cumulative viewers in more than 220 countries and territories to satisfy curiosity and captivate superfans with a portfolio of premium nonfiction, lifestyle, sports and kids content brands.