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KIDS BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS WITH SOME OF THE YOUNGEST MOST TALENTED BAKERS EVER

New Season Premieres on Food Network and discovery+ on Monday, December 27th at 8pm ET/PT

New York – November 18, 2021 – On Monday, December 27th at 8pm ET/PT the family-favorite dessert competition series returns for a new season as **Valerie Bertinelli** and **Duff Goldman** welcome a dozen of the youngest bakers ever to the *Kids Baking Championship*. The ten-week competition will test the kid contestants, ages 8-11, in difficult themed challenges. From kitchen sink sweets, to cream puffs, and to dessert imposters, they must showcase their impressive baking skills and techniques. Only one incredible young baker will rise to the top to earn the sweet grand prize, including a spot in Food Network Magazine and the title of Kids Baking Champion.

“This youngest kid bakers season of *Kids Baking Championship* is the most adorable and impressive yet. These tiny kids show off their outsized baking skills far beyond their years,” said Courtney White, President, Food Network and Streaming Food Content, Discovery Inc. “I was stunned to see what an 8-year-old can create and know viewers will be too.”

The ten-episode season is filled with new challenges featuring the latest dessert trends, as well as innovative twists on the most popular sweets. On the premiere, the kid contestants pay homage to the brilliant transformation of the butterfly by making colorful carved butterfly cakes. Throughout the season the bakers show off their abilities and creativity as they whip up irresistible sweets, from cosmic pull apart cupcakes, to zebra cakes, and kitchen sink desserts full of salty and sweet snacks.

On Monday, February 21st it's the final two episodes of the competition. At 8pm ET/PT, Valerie and Duff test the four remaining kid contestants' knowledge of the loaded food trend, where they must create loaded milkshakes topped with two different homemade baked goods. Three bakers earn spots in the grand finale at 9pm ET/PT, where they must make championship-worthy, two-tiered cityscape cakes that capture the quintessential sights of one iconic American city - San Francisco, New York City and Washington DC. One young baker will take the cake to win.

Kids Baking Championship competitors include: **Nadya Alborz** (Knoxville, TN; age 10), **Joseph Bostick** (San Diego, CA; age 10), **Lucia Calonge** (Cincinnati, OH; age 10), **Santiago Corso** (Huntington Beach, CA; age 11), **Caroline Gross** (York, PA; age 10), **Summer Haque** (Yorba Linda, CA; age 10), **Ellora Martinez** (Yorba Linda, CA; age 9), **Sarah Patel** (Knoxville, TN; age 10), **Riya Shah** (Fort Meyers, FL; age 11), **Finley Sheers** (McLean, VA; age 10), **Benjamin Steinhauser** (Hillsborough, NJ; age 8), and **Ava-Leigh Wright** (Atlanta, GA; age 10).

Fans can relive the most dramatic, creative, and adorable moments with video and photo highlights at [FoodNetwork.com/KidsBakingChampionship](https://www.foodnetwork.com/kidsbakingchampionship). Plus, go behind the scenes with Duff and Valerie for an exclusive tour of the set, watch as they react to past seasons, and discover more baking tips and tricks. Follow all the action on social media using #KidsBakingChampionship.

Kids Baking Championship is produced by Triage Entertainment for Food Network and discovery+.

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