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CAKE BOSS returns with new episodes

Fan favorite CAKE BOSS is back with all new episodes as season 3 returns starting October 11 at 9pm ET/PT. The rest of the season has some of the series' biggest moments yet – see below – and Buddy's busier than ever: yesterday, he started shooting TLC's new series THE NEXT GREAT BAKER, a competition elimination format that has Buddy searching for the next rising talent in the baking world. THE NEXT GREAT BAKER will premiere in early December, and more information will be available soon.

CAKE BOSS, season 3 continues

October 11 (special hour-long episode) & October 18 (two half-hour episodes)

Over these three episodes, Buddy and the entire Valastro family visit Italy to attend a cousin's wedding and visit the parents' hometowns.

November 8

A special Jersey resident – Snooki – visits the bakery to order a cake for her mom.

November 22

Carlo's Bakery, the setting for CAKE BOSS, celebrates its 100th anniversary with a giant block party, and a walk down memory lane for Buddy and his family.

November 29

It's one of the busiest days of the year at Carlo's Bakery – Christmas Eve.

There are more ways for fans to get their CAKE BOSS:

- Buddy's first book, "CAKE BOSS: Stories and Recipes from Mia Famiglia" will be available November 2 from Free Press, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.
- Starting November 3 Buddy will be traveling the country with his live and interactive Bakin' with the Boss Tour. For more information visit buddyontour.com
- Season 2 of CAKE BOSS will be available on DVD at retailers nationwide on October 5.

Interviews, previews, and photography are all available upon request. Additional press materials are available at <http://press.discovery.com/us/tlc/programs/cake-boss-3/>