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KEVIN ROBERTS JOINS TLC AS HOST OF “BBQ PITMASTERS”

Los Angeles, CA – TLC is adding a new ingredient to BBQ PITMASTERS – host Kevin Roberts. The series, which is shifting to a competition format in its second season, goes into production in Los Angeles in June and will premiere August 12, 2010.

Kevin Roberts is an executive chef, TV personality and the author of cookbooks *Munchies* and *Kissing in the Kitchen*. He is also the owner of three sports bars in the San Diego area, with a fourth to open soon. An avid sports enthusiast and tailgater, Kevin knows how to grill with the best of them. A regular contributor to national media outlets and a regular judge and host and food competitions, he was also a contestant on “Next Food Network Star.”

In its first season, BBQ PITMASTERS took viewers into the world of competitive BBQ, sharing the big personalities and showcasing the different events that make up the saucy subculture. In the second season, TLC shifts to a competition format to add to the variety of foods prepared and to share with the audience the process and decisions of the all-star judging panel. In the end, one contestants will emerge as Pitmaster.

BBQ PITMASTERS is produced for TLC by Original Media.

About TLC

TLC's innovative docu-series and reality-based programming include favorites Jon & Kate Plus 8, Little People, Big World, What Not to Wear, 19 Kids and Counting, Say Yes to the Dress, and LA Ink. TLC added to its menu of programming with Cake Boss, and continues to expand into the food genre. TLC's daytime lineup includes the Emmy Award-winning A Baby Story. The channel is available in more than 98 million homes in the US, nearly 8 million homes in Canada and through the website at www.tlc.com. TLC is part of Discovery Communications (NASDAQ: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's number one nonfiction media company reaching more than 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers in over 170 countries.