

## MASTERCHEF

Host and award-winning chef Gordon Ramsay, restaurateur Joe Bastianich and acclaimed chef Graham Elliot return for Season Five of the culinary smash hit MASTERCHEF, premiering Monday. May 26 (8:00-9:00 PM ET/PT). The three celebrated food experts will put the latest group of contestants through a series of challenging elimination rounds and turn one home cook into a culinary master.

The unscripted series once again will conduct a nationwide search for the best home cooks in America, thirty of which will be flown to Los Angeles to present their signature dishes to the judges in hopes of earning a coveted MASTERCHEF apron.

Once the auditions are over, the top home cooks will be put through their paces in a series of challenges designed to test their palates, food knowledge, passion and culinary skills. In MASTERCHEF's biggest field challenge ever, the home cooks will work in teams to prepare a hearty meal for more than 500 hungry servicemen and women on an army base. Later, the hopefuls will hit the beach to prepare an unforgettable two-course dinner for a summer wedding, visit a local diner to prepare American classics, cook a romantic dinner for 14 couples, serve game-day favorites for hungry football fans and take command of a legendary Hollywood restaurant. With each new challenge, the pressure will mount as the home cooks compete for the coveted title of MASTERCHEF, a cookbook deal and the \$250,000 grand prize.

Season Four winner Luca Manfe will soon release his cookbook, "My Italian Kitchen," featuring recipes inspired by his signature Italian style. Other MASTERCHEF success stories include Season Three winner Christine Ha, the series' first blind contestant, who continues to be an inspiration to millions. Her cookbook, "Recipes from My Home Kitchen: Asian and American Comfort Food," is a New York Times bestseller. America's first MASTERCHEF winner, Whitney Miller, is the author of "Modern Hospitality: Simple Recipes with Southern Charm." Her recipes have been featured in various national publications such as People and Cooking Light. Season Two winner Jennifer Behm has founded a successful catering company based in her home state of Delaware.

MASTERCHEF is produced by Shine America and One Potato Two Potato, and is based on a format created by Franc Roddam and Shine. Shine International handles distribution for the MASTERCHEF format. Elisabeth Murdoch, Eden Gaha, Paul Franklin, Robin Ashbrook, Gordon Ramsay, Adeline Ramage Rooney, Patricia Llewellyn and Ben Adler serve as executive producers.