

MY FOOD NETWORK DEBUT: CLASH OF THE GRANDMAS



I can finally announce my Food Network debut! Ta DA! That's right, this happy grandma is being featured as a contestant on the Food Networks new Holiday series, *Clash of The Grandmas*! The talented Cameron Mathison is our host and is one of the nicest people I've ever met. I hope you'll set your DVR's to record the series and tune-in to my episode; Clash of the Grandmas "Home Sweet Grandma" which Premieres Sunday, November 20th at 10pm EST. Please check with your local cable listings for times in your area.

I wasn't aware that two of my sweet friends and fellow food competitors were also on the show. You see, we're all sworn to secrecy during the process of selection and filming, so none of us knew the others were on the series until the official Food Network press release came out today; what a lovely surprise to see their names in the list below. Boy, us grannies can really keep a secret!!

Sherrie Williams will rock her talents in the kitchen on the very first episode, Clash of the Grandmas “Thanksgiving at Grandma’s” and Ally Phillips, will make magic in the kitchen in the final episode, Clash of the Grandmas “Grandma’s World Tour”.

Invite your friend over for a viewing party and tune in to see who wins their episode!

GRANDMA’S COOKING TAKES CENTER STAGE IN NEW SIX-EPIISODE SERIES CLASH OF THE GRANDMAS

Hosted by Cameron Mathison, Holiday-Themed Cooking Battles

Begin Sunday, November 13th at 10pm ET/PT

NEW YORK – October 13, 2016 – Grannies with top-notch cooking skills kick off Food Network’s holiday season with the six-episode primetime competition series Clash of the Grandmas, premiering Sunday, November 13th at 10pm (all times ET/PT). In each episode, host Cameron Mathison welcomes four grandma super-cooks to the kitchen – but only one emerges as the \$10,000 winner. From Thanksgiving stuffing transformations and savory hand-held mac and cheese creations to decadent desserts, these grandmas are reinventing dishes with masterful home-cooking skills. A rotating panel of judges, including Monti Carlo, Nancy Fuller, Eddie Jackson, Brandi Milloy, Jamika Pessoa, Aarti Sequeira and Jake Smollett, determine the winner of each comfort food battle.

“Nothing says the holidays like grandma’s cooking, and these grannies are taking classic dishes to a new level,” said Didi O’Hearn, Senior Vice President Programming, Food Network & Cooking Channel. “In this competition, age is only a number!”

Episodes are:

Clash of the Grandmas “Thanksgiving at Grandma’s” Premieres Sunday, November 13th at 10pm

In an epic Thanksgiving throwdown, four grandmas are out to prove they’ve got game. First, they must dress up traditional stuffing ingredients to make a side dish that is anything but stuffing. In their second clash, the grannies have to transform Thanksgiving leftovers into a tempting Italian dish. Finally, it's grandmas gone trendy as the remaining two contestants vie for the \$10,000 prize by making their best Thanksgiving pie – on a stick!

Competitors: Noemi Adbessian (Glendale, California), Janice “Boo” Macomber (Abbeville, Louisiana), Tanya Marshall (Indianapolis, Indiana), **Sherri Williams (Crestview, Florida)**

Judges: Monti Carlo, Nancy Fuller, Eddie Jackson

Clash of the Grandmas “Home Sweet Grandma” Premieres Sunday, November 20th at 10pm

First, the four grannies create handheld versions of mac and cheese to hold the family over until dinner. Next, they have only 30 minutes to make meatloaf for unexpected guests, with the help of unexpected sous chefs: the grandpas! Then, the final two grandmas try to freeze out the competition by producing an ice cream sandwich worthy of the \$10,000 prize using liquid nitrogen.

Competitors: Robin Daumit (Annapolis, Maryland), Rebecka Evans (Danville, California), Cleo Johnson (Houston, Texas), Barbara Mayo (Colliersville, Tennessee)

Judges: Eddie Jackson, Brandi Milloy, Jamika Pessoa

Clash of the Grandmas “Granny Family Food Fight” Premieres Sunday, November 27th at 10pm

Three generations join forces in a special family edition, beginning with four grandmas cooking up a pot pie that reflects their heritage with help from their son or daughter. Next, they

must make a brilliant brunch featuring the colors selected by their grandchildren via video message. Then, the final two grandmas must turn peanut butter and jelly flavors into a family-pleasing dessert worthy of the \$10,000 prize.

Competitors: Saba Abed (Richmond, Virginia), Aliyah "Mama Pain" Naim (Atlanta, Georgia), Sandy Sallin (Beverly Hills, California), Blanca Simpson (Memphis, Tennessee)

Judges: Sharone Hakman, Aarti Sequeira, Jake Smollett

Clash of the Grandmas "Christmas at Grandma's" Premieres Sunday, December 4th at 10pm

These four grandmas are definitely not taking a holiday from the kitchen! First, Santa gives them his food hack favorite, a clothes iron, which they must use in the preparation of holiday appetizers. Next, the grannies must make a Christmas main course featuring at least one fresh, one frozen and one canned ingredient. Then, the final two grandmas have to turn old-fashioned fruitcake ingredients into a holiday dessert irresistible enough to earn one of them \$10,000 and impress the judges.

Competitors: Lesa Nelms (Sarasota, Florida), Rachelle Nichols (Millbrae, California), Guenevere Reed (Powder Springs, Georgia), Maria Silva (Prospect, Connecticut)

Judges: Monti Carlo, Nancy Fuller, Eddie Jackson

Clash of the Grandmas "Glam-mas Showdown" Premieres Sunday, December 11th at 10pm

Four grandmas must master the latest slang, snacks and social media food trends if they want to win \$10,000 and impress the judges. First, they must make an afterschool snack featuring their grandkids' favorite ingredients. Next, the grannies have to prepare spicy fried chicken and grits using quick grits. Then, the final two grandmas battle by taking on social media's newest trend, food imposters, and creating a savory dish that

looks like dessert.

Competitors: Joan Channon (Hawi, Hawaii), Veronica Hendrix (Los Angeles, California), Dale Roland (Groveland, Florida), Neera Sharma (Columbus, Ohio)

Judges: Eddie Jackson, Brandi Millloy, Jamika Pessoa

Clash of the Grandmas "Grandma's World Tour" Premieres Sunday, December 18th at 10pm

Four globe-trotting grandmas take off on a culinary world tour! First, they have to make pizza the Belgian way, using a waffle iron as their only baking source. Next, it's "aloha-ole!" as the grannies make a mash-up of Hawaiian and Mexican cuisines. Then, the final two grandmas go tropical as they turn the ingredients from a frozen daiquiri into a dessert that will earn them \$10,000.

Competitors: Karen Darensburg (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Claudine Marshall (Agoura Hills, California), **Ally Phillips (Murrell Inlet, California)**, Genevieve Vang (Detroit, Michigan)

Judges: Sharone Hackman, Aarti Sequiera, Jake Smollett

Viewers can catch highlights of the grandma's battles at FoodNetwork.com and join the conversation on social media using #ClashoftheGrandmas.

Clash of the Grandmas is produced by Triage Entertainment.

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