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## **CHOPPED ALL-STARS**

### *Season Two Judge/Host Bios*

#### **Ted Allen**

Emmy Award winner Ted Allen is the host of *Chopped*, Food Network's hit primetime culinary competition show, and the author of the upcoming cookbook "In My Kitchen: 100 Recipes and Discoveries for Passionate Cooks" debuting in May, 2012, and an earlier book, "The Food You Want to Eat: 100 Smart, Simple Recipes," both from Clarkson-Potter. Ted also has been a contributing writer to *Esquire* magazine since 1996. Previously, he was the food and wine specialist on the groundbreaking Bravo series *Queer Eye*, a judge on Food Network's *Iron Chef America*, and a judge on Bravo's *Top Chef*. He lives in Brooklyn with his longtime partner, interior designer Barry Rice.

#### **Anne Burrell**

Anne Burrell has always stood out in the restaurant business for her remarkable culinary talent, bold and creative dishes, and her trademark spiky blond hair. After training at New York's Culinary Institute of America and Italy's Culinary Institute for Foreigners, she gained hands-on experience at notable New York restaurants including Felidia, Savoy, Lumi, and Italian Wine Merchants. Anne taught for three years at New York's Institute of Culinary Education and served as Executive Chef at New York's Centro Vinoteca. She stars in Food Network's *Secrets of a Restaurant Chef* and *Worst Cooks in America* and recently competed on *The Next Iron Chef: Super Chefs*. In 2011, she released her first cookbook, the best-selling "Cook Like a Rock Star" (Clarkson Potter).

#### **Scott Conant**

One of New York's most beloved and respected chefs, Scott Conant brings a deft touch and unwavering passion to creating food that is unexpected and soulful. After 15 years of cooking some of the city's favorite Italian cuisine, he opened Scarpetta in New York and Miami in 2008. In 2010, he opened Scarpetta Toronto at the Thompson Hotel, Scarpetta Beverly Hills at Montage Beverly Hills and Scarpetta and D.O.C.G. Enoteca at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. Scott has been a recurring judge on Food Network's *Chopped* since its premiere in 2009 and served as the host of Food Network's primetime competition series *24 Hour Restaurant Battle*, which premiered in July 2010.

#### **Amanda Freitag**

Amanda Freitag graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. She has been a highly successful chef in New York City for more than 20 years and has worked in popular restaurants such as Cesca, Gusto and The Harrison. She appears on Food Network as a *Chopped* judge and was a season two contestant on *The Next Iron Chef*. Amanda also battled Bobby Flay on *Iron Chef America* and appears on the Cooking Channel series *Unique Eats*.

#### **Aarón Sanchez**

Aarón Sanchez owns and serves as executive chef of Centrico in New York City as well as the culinary face behind Tacombi and Crossroads at House of Blues. In 2005, he was nominated as the "Rising Star Chef of the Year" by the James Beard Foundation. Aarón has appeared on multiple Food Network shows including *Heat Seekers*, *Chopped*, *Chopped All-Stars*, *Chefs vs. City*, *Iron Chef America*, *The Next Iron Chef* (season one), and *Throwdown with Bobby Flay*.

#### **Geoffrey Zakarian**

Geoffrey Zakarian has presided over some of the country's top kitchens over the past 25 years. His two New York City restaurants, Town and Country, both received three stars from *The New York Times*. In 2010, Geoffrey opened The Lambs Club at The Chatwal Hotel and The National in New York City. He also opened The Water Club at the Borgata in Atlantic City, N.J. and Tudor House in Miami. Geoffrey recently competed on and won *The Next Iron Chef: Super Chefs*, earning the coveted Iron Chef title. He has also appeared on *Chopped*, *Chopped All-Stars*, *Iron Chef America* and *24 Hour Restaurant Battle*.

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