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ITV2 today announced it has commissioned a brand-new cookery dating show -  $Love\ Bites$  - a 30 x 60" series made by Ricochet, a Warner Bros. International Television Production UK Company.

A delicious new format that smashes together food and dating, *Love Bites* will see three suitors battle it out to win a date by each cooking a three-course meal, using the same box of ingredients. The plucky trio will cook side by side in the *Love Bites* kitchen for the single foodie, who will then choose one of them for a date based on their gastronomic efforts.

Culinary skills will be put to the test in the pursuit of love, but who has what it takes to cook up a storm and bag themselves the top spot, and most importantly a date with the singleton?

Paul Mortimer, Head of Digital Channels and Acquisitions ITV, said:

"Love Bites has arrived! An exciting fusion of food and flirtation that is sure to delight our ITV2 audience this autumn."

Katy Thorogood, Ricochet's Creative Director, said:

"We're really excited by this super-simple, super-fun format – all the elements of romance and cooking that we know the audience loves, served up with a big dollop of ITV2 playfulness".

The series has been commissioned by ITV's Paul Mortimer, Head of Digital Channels and Acquisitions and Amanda Stavri, Commissioning Editor, Factual Entertainment, ITV

Love Bites is produced by Ricochet, a Warner Bros. International Television Production UK Company based in Brighton. The Executive Producers for Ricochet are Rob Butterfield and David Sayer, Series Producer is Hetal Dhanak and Development Executive is Claire Egerton-Jones.

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