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Gordon Ramsay to front three storey kitchen challenge

The ultimate TV cooking competition is coming to ITV and ITVX, as Gordon Ramsay's internationally acclaimed Next Level Chef makes its debut on UK TV screens.

Produced by Studio Ramsay Global, Next Level Chef is a one-of-a-kind culinary gauntlet challenge, billed as the toughest and most epic cooking contest on TV.

The eight-part series, broadcasting in 2023, is set in an iconic and trailblazing TV studio like no other, with three unique kitchen spaces set across three storeys

and almost 50ft high.

Each floor will test the contestants' culinary creativity, agility, flare, and expertise, as they vie to progress to the Next Level. From the top-level state of the art kitchen utopia to the gloomy basement level 'scraps only' surroundings, Next Level Chef will task its chefs to prove they can thrive in any environment.

In a quest to unearth the culinary world's next sensation, Gordon Ramsay will be joined by two of the most elite names in food, as the three judges preside over and mentor a group of talented chefs who will compete against each other to prove they can handle the heat in any kitchen space that is thrown at them.

The contestants will be under the watchful eyes of the panel across all three floors as they battle it out to produce the most mouth-watering dishes and avoid elimination. Ultimately, only one can be named Next Level Chef, and the winner will receive a life changing cash prize of £100k and a one-year mentorship under all three mentors.

Casting is currently underway in a bid to find the UK's very best in cookery, from home chefs to social media stars, with budding chefs urged to apply via www.nextlevelchef.co.uk

A true test of skill and aptitude, the high octane, high adrenaline competition challenges the chefs to determine not only how they fare in the best of circumstances, but what kind of cookery magic they can create in the worst.

Next Level Chef was commissioned for ITV by Head of Entertainment Commissioning Katie Rawcliffe and Commissioning Editors Lily Wilson and Paula Thomas Gallie.

For Studio Ramsay Global, Executive Producers are Gordon Ramsay, Lisa Edwards, and Iain Peckham. Series Editor Lyndon Tovey and Production Executives Sarah Needham and Ben Flower.

Katie Rawcliffe said:

"Next Level Chef is a dynamic, edge of your seat cooking competition in a league of its own. We're so excited to welcome Gordon back to the UK and get started on perhaps the most ambitious TV studio the world has to offer!"

Gordon Ramsay said:

"Next Level Chef is off the chart Next Level everything! A culinary competition that is epic on every level. From the size of the enormous structure to every challenge, every moment of jeopardy is huge. I want to see our chefs, social media stars, home cooks whatever their level, whatever their experience, show me what they can do. Whether they're at the top cooking in the dream kitchen with every gadget and the finest ingredients or in the middle kitchen, good equipment, good ingredients but nothing fancy or, and this is where it gets really interesting, down in the basement kitchen. Super basic, minimal ingredients and left-over scraps then show me what you're really made of! Talent and tenacity will absolutely shine through, and someone will walk away with an equally Next Level prize, I can't wait to get started!"

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About Gordon Ramsay/Studio Ramsay Global

Renowned for highly successful and award-winning original programming, Emmy-nominated and BAFTA-winning Gordon Ramsay produces TV shows on both sides of the Atlantic, seen by audiences worldwide in more than 200 territories. He hosts and executive-produces NEXT LEVEL CHEF, HELL'S KITCHEN, MASTERCHEF, MASTERCHEF JUNIOR, GORDON RAMSAY'S 24 HOURS TO HELL AND BACK and the upcoming GORDON RAMSAY'S FOOD STARS, all on FOX, in addition to specials, including "Gordon Ramsay's American Road Trip."

In 2021, Ramsay and FOX Entertainment announced their leading new worldwide production venture, Studio Ramsay Global, to develop, produce and distribute culinary and lifestyle programming for FOX, Tubi and global markets. His earlier multimedia production company, Studio Ramsay, was launched in the U.K. in 2016 to create and develop unscripted, digital and scripted programming, focusing on new formats and innovative programming, as well as fostering new talent. Its shows include GORDON RAMSAY'S 24 HOURS TO HELL AND BACK, which was the highest-rated food show of 2019; "The F-Word Live With Gordon Ramsay"; "Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted," on National Geographic Channel, which airs in 172 countries and 43 languages worldwide; the ratings hit and BAFTA-nominated "GORDON, GINO AND FRED'S ROAD TRIP," for ITV; "GORDON RAMSAY'S BANK BALANCE," on BBC1; the daytime cooking series "Culinary Genius," which premiered on ITV in the U.K., and was syndicated on FOX stations in the U.S.; the ITV series "THE SAVOY" and "Gordon on Cocaine"; and the highly popular children's series "MATILDA AND THE RAMSAY BUNCH," starring Tilly Ramsay, for U.K. children's channel CBBC.

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