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Art Smith to appear on reformatted “Top Chef”

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Art Smith

Art Smith, the man behind the Liaison Capitol Hill restaurant “Art & Soul”, will appear on a new version of Bravo’s Top Chef that features established restaurateurs.

“Top Chef Masters” will premiere June 10, and the new format features seasoned chefs such as Chicago’s Rick Bayless and **Food Network** regulars John Besh and Michael Chiarello competing for the top prize. The traditional judges such as Tom Colicchio and Padma Lakshmi will be relegated to guest appearances, with a focus instead on celebrity judges like Neil Patrick Harris.

Smith also has a Chicago-based restaurant, Table Fifty-Two, and once worked as Oprah Winfrey’s personal chef.

The format of the show is slightly different, with chefs competing in groups of four for six episodes and then eliminated one by one in four final episodes until a winner is chosen. The winner gets \$100,000 for charity.