

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: KITCHEN CIRCUS NAMES FIRST SEASON WINNER
ERINA MALARKEY**

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The Chef In The Hat, Thierry Rautureau and the Kitchen Circus crew have officially wrapped their first season and named a winner of their highly anticipated first season of Kitchen Circus.

After an extensive search, eighteen amateur chefs were selected to compete in this one-of-a-kind competition which took place over four weeks at the acclaimed Rover's Restaurant in the Madison Park neighborhood of Seattle, Washington. Filming took place this past fall and consists of four episodes, available free to online viewers, which will be released in early 2013.

Carefully judged by local dinner guests, winner Erina Malarkey of Seattle, Washington, along with eight other contestants including first and second runners-up, Beth Rutherford and Myrissa Yamashiro had five hours to prepare a gourmet meal for forty-five guests in Rover's professional kitchen.

Kitchen Circus isn't just about cooking great food; it's about harnessing the contestants' passion for cooking, and then scaling it by fifty! "In most cooking shows the contestants are professional chefs to begin with, and there's never the pressure or the risk. If the judges don't like it, who cares? In Kitchen Circus you've got 50 <paying> guests that are there expecting a meal of a lifetime and you need to deliver," explains winner Erina Malarkey.

The first Kitchen Circus trailer is available online at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdyh4WLFWE>

About Kitchen Circus: Kitchen Circus is a live cooking competition where home cooks will test their skills preparing one course of a three course meal for 45 guests at Rover's restaurant. What makes this competition exciting is it involves real people in all aspects; only amateur home cooks can audition to compete, the dishes will be judged by all the dinner guests, and videos will be free for our online fans. One home cook winner will be chosen at the end of each dinner, and the winners from the first three episodes will move on to the finale at the end of the season.

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