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MasterChef Australia Wins AACTA Best Reality TV Series.

MasterChef Australia has cemented its position as the most acclaimed reality series in Australia, winning the Best Reality Television Series category at the AACTA Awards last night.

The announcement heralds the third year in a row that **MasterChef Australia**, which is produced for Network Ten by Endemol Shine Australia, has taken the prize. Network Ten congratulates the other nominees **Australian Survivor**, *Little Big Shots* and *My Kitchen Rules*.

The AACTA Award caps another highly successful year for **MasterChef Australia**. On television, the 2017 series ranked #1 in its timeslot among people 25 to 54 and under 55, while the **Winner Announced** episode drew a national audience of more than 1.8 million and dominated its timeslot.

MasterChef Australia also performed strongly in digital and social media. Viewing on Network Ten's online catch-up and streaming service, tenplay, increased 11% during 2017 and the show remained the biggest local television series on Facebook, with 1.55 million "likes".

Next year marks the 10th season of Australia's most-loved and iconic reality television series. With a season full of surprises, **MasterChef Australia** is thrilled to welcome internationally renowned, Michelin-starred chef Gordon Ramsay to the kitchen for the first time and excited to welcome back domestic goddess Nigella Lawson.

Network Ten Chief Content Officer, Beverley McGarvey, said: "As **MasterChef Australia** heads for its exciting and highly engaging 10th season in 2018, we are delighted that it has again won the AACTA Award for Best Reality Television Series.

"**MasterChef Australia** is the best in its category thanks to the talent, passion and hard work of a lot of people, including our extraordinary judges and mentors – Gary Mehigan, George Calombaris, Matt Preston and Shannon Bennett – our wonderful partners at Endemol Shine Australia led by Peter Newman and Marty Benson, and the great team at Network Ten led by Executive Producer Rick Maier.

"We are very proud of **MasterChef Australia** and we can't wait to present its remarkable 10th season to all Australians," she said.

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