



Britain's leading culinary dynasty serves up an exclusive helping of the ultimate cookery competition – The Roux Scholarship

The Roux Scholarship 2013 is new and exclusive to Watch in 2013

The Roux Family is one of the most influential in the culinary world, and their annual search for their next protégé is one of the most entertaining, demanding and credible cooking competitions to be staged.

Now for the first time, in an exclusive 10-part series, **Watch** will provide an unmissable opportunity for viewers to experience every step twist and turn of ***The Roux Scholarship 2013*** as it enters its milestone 30th year. To appeal to keen foodies, **Good Food** will also compliment the series through seven companion episodes focusing on the techniques and recipes featured throughout the competition.

The Roux Scholarship has unparalleled credentials, history and integrity, with past winners achieving Michelin star status including Sat Bains (two stars), Andrew Fairlie (two stars), Steve Drake, Andre Garrett, Simon Hulstone, and Matthew Tomkinson. Viewers to **Watch** will be able to see the four main Roux family members – Michel, Albert, Michel Jr and Alain helped in their task by some of the most famous names in cooking; Raymond Blanc, Andrew Fairlie, Angela Hartnett, James Martin, David Nicholls, Rick Stein and Brian Turner.

With epic scale, this two week must-watch contest will be packed with real drama, tears and surprises as well as some of the most mouth-watering food to be dished up on British television. The shortlisted 18 contenders will be followed throughout, as they try their best to impress, and win the life-changing prize of a three month apprenticeship at any three star Michelin restaurant in the world.

To be in with a chance of being crowned 2013's Roux Scholar, the chefs will observe and prepare dishes cooked at masterclasses hosted by Rick Stein and his son Jack, James Martin and Angela Hartnett and Raymond Blanc and Andrew Fairlie, before they have to serve up their best dishes at the regional finals in London. Only six will then go on to claim their place in the final round.

For the lucky few, they will face an even tougher task of cooking as a team under the tutelage of Michel, Albert, Michel Roux Jr and Alain Roux to produce some outstanding meals for some very exacting diners. They will then have to cook their hearts out once more to meet the hugely demanding task of impressing all of the judges with their Final Challenge Recipe.

All of the dishes featured in *The Roux Scholarship 2013* from the regional heats through to the final, will also be made available online at goodfoodchannel.co.uk to compliment the impressive library of more than 16,000 recipes already available.

The Roux Scholarship 2013 is much more than a cooking show – it is an opportunity to join the legendary Roux family and a stellar line-up of judges as they search for the UK's next culinary star.

For more information and interview opportunities with the judges or the finalists please contact Nicola Rowley, UKTV's Factual & Lifestyle Publicity Manager on 020 7299 6271 or email: nicola.Rowley@uktv.co.uk

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Where to find Watch: Sky channel 109, Virgin TV channel 124

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