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WILL AMY MANDALA BE THE “NEXT GREAT BAKER”?

Shirley Resident is Finalist for Last Spot on TLC’ Reality Baking Show

Shirley, NY - TLC’s hit competition series “NEXT GREAT BAKER” is about to begin shooting for its third season, and host Buddy “Cake Boss” Valastro has chosen 12 talented aspiring bakers to compete for the sweet grand prize, including a chance to work alongside him at his famed business, Carlo’s Bakery, in Hoboken, NJ. But, Buddy wants to round out the contestants to a “baker’s dozen” and is asking America to select the 13th and final contestant from three finalists. Long Island resident Amy Mandala of Shirley has made the final cut and needs our votes in order to be a contestant on the third season.

Amy is a trained pastry chef and owner of Delicious Delights Bakery, which creates and delivers custom desserts. Born and raised on Long Island, her passion for baking started as a child, working alongside her mother in the kitchen. She took a decorating class from Buddy years ago, and is looking to prove she’s now ready to step back into his kitchen.

“What a great opportunity to show what Shirley is made of, but we need to help get Amy selected first,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “There is less than a week left to vote Amy on the “Next Great Baker” and I know she can do it with the help of her community. We wish her lots of luck.”

Voting has begun at TLC.com/NextGreatBaker, and closes at 11:59pm on Sunday, August 19. Legislator Browning is urging Amy’s friends, neighbors and all Long Island residents to help her win the last spot. Amy plans on using the show as a springboard to open a local bakery and create jobs right here in Suffolk County.

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