

# Wedding bells ring on an all-new 'MasterChef' featuring Louisville chef Gerron Hurt

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The self-taught chef who grew up in Louisville's Newburg neighborhood preparing family meals with his mom and grandmother made national headlines when he cooked his way to the top slot (</story/entertainment/television/2018/09/19/masterchef-gerron-hurt-wins-louisville-native-season-nine/1356047002/>) of the season nine championship of "MasterChef" of Fox Television.

Gerron Hurt's big win, which included a hefty \$250,000 grand prize, lit this Louisville man's career on fire. In fact, everything but his kind and humble nature seems to have changed directions.

Talk about a lifestyle change — Hurt was teaching high school English in Nashville, Tennessee, when Gordon Ramsay, the host of "MasterChef," announced he'd won the competition in September 2018.

Ten months later, Hurt, who is no longer teaching school, has been swept up in a whirlwind of celebrity appearances and cooking demonstrations and will make a return to the set of "MasterChef" season 10 for an exciting and life-changing event (Hint: It involves two little words and a ring).

"It's crazy. It's just crazy how much my life has changed," the Fern Creek High School graduate told the Courier Journal. "Right now I am in Chicago leading Camp MasterChef for kids 8 to 16 years old. With my background, it's the perfect combination of teaching and cooking. I have been traveling and cooking all over the United States and, of course, I was asked to be a celebrity guest at the Kentucky Derby."

**Background:** [Louisville's Gerron Hurt wins 'MasterChef' with Southern-inspired dishes \(/story/entertainment/television/2018/09/19/masterchef-gerron-hurt-wins-louisville-native-season-nine/1356047002/\)](/story/entertainment/television/2018/09/19/masterchef-gerron-hurt-wins-louisville-native-season-nine/1356047002/)



**Chef Gordon Ramsay, Brandi Beckham Hurt and Gerron Hurt on the set of MasterChef Season 10** (Photo: MasterChef)

In case you missed it, Hurt attended the Kentucky Derby Festival's Celebrity Day at the Track on Derby Week and was an invited celebrity chef at the Trifecta Derby Eve Gala held at the KFC Yum Center.

"I won for the first time in my life at Churchill Downs on Celebrity Day," Hurt laughed. "I won \$100 so it was a really good day."

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But maybe not as good of a day as July 17 promises to be. On that day, "MasterChef" will air an episode in which chef Gordon Ramsay officiates the marriage of Hurt and his longtime sweetheart, Brandi Beckham.

That's right, the couple from Kentucky will tie the knot on national television and then enjoy a meal prepared by season 10 contestants.

The top 14 home cooks remaining on the new season will fight for immunity in another team challenge. But this isn't just any challenge — they will be split into two teams to prepare 45 meals in only 90 minutes for the wedding party.

Hurt told the Courier Journal the television show provided *everything* for the couple's dream wedding — from Beckham's wedding gown, to the flowers and, of course, the food for the reception.

"It was a perfect day, but I know how nervous the contestants were, because I was right there last year when my team cooked for Shaun O'Neale's wedding (season seven winner)," said Hurt. "I felt for them because I know how badly you want for everything to be perfect, and for us, it was."

**See also:** [Get to know Gerron Hurt, the season nine winner of Fox's 'MasterChef'](/story/entertainment/2018/09/20/masterchef-season-9-meet-winner-louisville-native-gerron-hurt/1368733002/) (/story/entertainment/2018/09/20/masterchef-season-9-meet-winner-louisville-native-gerron-hurt/1368733002/)

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Thankfully, they didn't have to cook for *all* the wedding guests — "MasterChef" averages 6.4 million multiplatform viewers, all of whom will watch Hurt and Beckham get hitched.

"We were excited to be able to share the day with so many of my friends who I made on the 'MasterChef' set last year," Hurt said. "To think that I got to marry my best friend and to do it on a national platform, it's just amazing."

The couple, who met at Western Kentucky University, were able to be married in front of several family members and friends who made the trip to Los Angeles for the taping of the "MasterChef" wedding episode, but not everyone could make the trip from Kentucky to California.

"Brandi is from Lexington so we have family and friends from both our hometowns and from our current home in Nashville who couldn't make it, so we're having a second wedding in Louisville in August," he said.

Besides their two weddings, the newlyweds have been busy working on a new family-friendly culinary website. Although it's under construction, "Family on A Plate," (<http://familyonaplate.com/aboutme.html>) at [familyonaplate.com](http://familyonaplate.com) (<http://familyonaplate.com/aboutme.html>), is already filled with recipes for dishes like mushroom pea risotto with pan-seared chicken breast, Hurt's picks for [best places to eat](http://familyonaplate.com/blog.html) (<http://familyonaplate.com/blog.html>) in some of his favorite cities, how-to videos for kitchen upkeep, and a subscription to [cooking demos](http://familyonaplate.com/video-cooking-classes.html) (<http://familyonaplate.com/video-cooking-classes.html>).

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**Gerron and Brandi Hurt on the set of MasterChef Season 10** (Photo: MasterChef)

Although life is hectic for the "MasterChef" champion, he says there is a restaurant in his future. Where that eating establishment will be located is up in the air — maybe Lexington, Louisville, Nashville or somewhere altogether different.

"You know I am a very humble guy and I just look at everything that is happening in my life as a blessing," Hurt said. "When I think about my life just two years ago, it looked nothing, nothing like this. I am blessed, just very blessed."

"MasterChef" season 10 premiered May 29 and airs at 8 p.m. on FOX Television. The wedding episode featuring Hurt and Beckham will air at 8 p.m. on July 17.

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