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Turn to the Magnolia Network for innovative culinary content

There's a new kid on the foodie TV block and it's actually the work of someone with whom viewers are likely very familiar.

Magnolia Network, a joint venture of Discovery and Chip and Joanna Gaines, offers up a plethora of programming devoted to culinary pursuits, with everything from how-tos and new ideas to cultural and historical perspectives, growing your own produce and even old favorites. And the good news much of it is streaming right now on discovery+ and the Magnolia Network app. Such as the following.

"Magnolia Table With Joanna Gaines" (Available now): Now in its third season after premiering on discovery+ in January, this family-oriented entry finds Gaines in her kitchen sharing her favorite recipes, revealing where they come from and why she keeps returning to them again and again.

"Family Dinner" (Available now): Andrew Zimmern ("Bizarre Foods") is your host for this series in which he visits families across the country to hear their stories and explore how our regional, historical and cultural heritages inform what and how we eat.

"Homegrown" (Available now): As the title suggests, this recently premiered offering follows Atlanta-based farmer Jamila Norman as she assists families in transforming their outdoor spaces into functional backyard farms and highlights the joys and benefits of growing your own food.

"The Artisan's Kitchen" (Available now): Professional baker and flour expert Bryan Ford brings his Honduran heritage

and New Orleans upbringing to bear on his creations in this series as he offers up ideas for new recipes as well as remixed classics.

"Zoe Bakes" (Available now): Pastry chef and cookbook Zoe Francois is your host for this series in which she breaks down the secrets of pastry chefs and home bakers and shows how to create beautiful and tasty confections right in your own kitchen.

"Ranch to Table" (Premieres Friday, Aug. 6): This new series follows seventh generation California rancher and entrepreneur Elizabeth Poett as she runs her family's 14,000-acre ranch and creates regional dishes using her own fresh ingredients.

"For the Love of Kitchens" (Premieres Friday, Aug. 6): You can't have cuisine without a kitchen and in this series, Paul O'Leary, Helen Parker and Robin McLellan and their team of craftspeople design beautiful state-of-the-art kitchens from their facility in a 16th century mill in the English countryside.

"The French Chef" (Available now on Magnolia app only): From the network's substantial library comes this classic 1962-73 series featuring legendary chef Julia Child as she sought to take the mystery and intimidation factor out of French cuisine, featuring recipes from her "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" bestseller and emphasizing the use of fresh and sometimes hard-to-find ingredients.



