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(From left) Antoine Lewis with Vinita and Sumit Maan, winners of the Super Chef Jodi contest

As Antoine Lewis, food critic and celebrity judge for the LG Super Chef Jodi contest organised at the Hindustan Times Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (HTKGAF) 2017, rightly puts it, "Hing is an important ingredient of Indian food. I can't imagine a single household that does not have a bottle of hing."

The contestants for the finale had been shortlisted based on the recipes they had sent in. Their culinary skills were on display as the final three jodis worked up a storm at their cooking stations. While two of the contestants preferred to take the traditional route and opted to make Hing Chicken and Dal Khichdi respectively, there



Final participants of the Super Chef Jodi contest

was one couple who decided to make Pasta Tadka.

According to Lewis, while judging a competition he looks for a breakdown of common ideas of how food is cooked, and he likes to see people pushing the envelope. "Hing should be well-integrated in the food. While

it is not a dominant taste, hing does add an element of tanginess to the dish," he adds.

Surprisingly, while Lewis had his reservations about the use of hing in Italian cuisine, Pasta Tadka emerged as the clear winner.

The winning LG Super



Heena and Bimal Merchant

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"HTKGAF's vision to refurbish the historic precinct of Kala Ghoda is something that our 120-year-old company understands well," says Heena Merchant, partner, LG Co. According to Bimal Merchant, partner, LG Co, they know what legacy is, and how important it is to preserve it. He says, "That's why, we thought it would be a great idea to collaborate with an event that is attended and enjoyed by everyone, irrespective of their age, gender, beliefs, and preferences, to show them the culinary heritage that LG holds."

Chef Jodi, Vinita and Sumit Maan were quite excited to be winners. "We both enjoy cooking and trying different combinations of ingredients in our food," says Sumit.

Speaking about the dish, Vinita, says, "As we had coriander and mint, we decided to incorporate hing in a variation of the pesto sauce that is used in Italian cuisine. It worked well with the pasta, despite the fact that this was the first time we were cooking this dish. Winning is a great feeling and we will definitely be participating in more competitions at HTKGAF next year." - HTC

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