Critical Acclaim For
“KINGS OF PASTRY”
By Chris Hegedus and D A Pennebaker

“The film builds in interest and intrigue as it goes along. . . . You’ll be surprised by how devastating the collapse of a chocolate tower can be.”
— Mike Hale, The New York Times

“As satisfying as pain au chocolat.”
— Stephanie Merry, The Washington Post

“Kings of Pastry is not like the other cooking shows on TV. The subjects . . . are not playing kitchen games . . . . The blubbering sound at the end of the film comes mainly from the judges . . . weeping with sorrow that they could not welcome everyone into the fraternité.”
— Nancy deWolf Smith, The Wall Street Journal

“Intriguing. . . . Mouthwatering . . . Irresistible.”
— Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times

“From gravity-defying confections to the inevitable disasters, it’s mouthwatering but very serious business.”
— New York Daily News

“Irresistible. . . . a total delight.”
— San Francisco Chronicle

“Gripping, even for non-foodies. It’s not revealing too much to say that a disaster precipitates some of the pic’s most affecting moments.”
— Alissa Simon, Variety

“A delectable new documentary. . . . spellbinding demonstrations of pastry-making brilliance, high drama and even light moments of humor.”
— Monica Eng, The Chicago Tribune

“The wonders whipped up on Kings of Pastry look too amazing to eat. . . . The filmmakers know how to tell a story. Best bet.”
— The Today Show online

“One delicious documentary. . . . a blend of intense real-life drama and surprising humor.”
— Mike Scott, The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

“Mouthwatering, heart-stopping . . . .”
— Randy Hartwell, GQ Magazine

“How exciting can a cooking movie be? As it turns out, really exciting.”
— Robert W. Butler, Kansas City Star
“Forget MasterChef. This is the culinary Hurt Locker.”
— Damien Love, Herald Scotland

“The documentary captures the perfectionism and artistry that go into a seemingly simple pyramid of cream puffs as well as the heartbreak behind each cookie that crumbles.”

“It’s a good bet any cocky contestant on Top Chef would keel over from the rigors of the challenge, the rituals of which are treated with fervent concentration by these meticulous artistes . . .”
— Lisa Schwarzbaum, Entertainment Weekly

“I never saw so many strong men sobbing at once.”
— Nancy Banks-Smith, The Guardian

“Documentary peeking into a high-stakes French competition will fascinate foodies.”
— John DeFore, The Hollywood Reporter

“A tasty Tuesday TV pick.”
— The Seattle Times

“How sweet it is. . . . Call it the ultimate sugar high.”
— VA Musetto, The New York Post

“A consummate of display of excellence under fire (and ice).”
— Sue Gordon, Princeton Examiner

“The work crescendos to such epic levels that the viewer is not going to know how this thing ends until the very, very end.”
— Matthew Nestel, Box Office Magazine

“Huge servings of emotionally wrenching drama and delicious visuals. . . . Kings of Pastry and its striving masters of the culinary universe provide entertainment as rich as the desserts on display.”
— Doris Toumarkine, Film Journal International

“What makes Kings of Pastry more than a sugar-coated showcase of culinary porn is its emphasis on the individual human dramas that exist behind all of these delicacies.”
— Jason Anderson, Toronto Star

“The last moments were as thrilling as any Olympic final. Who would have thought that the fate of a sugar sculpture could be heart-stopping? Exquisite.”
— Alice Jones, The Independent

“The perfect recipe for an engaging documentary. . . . Suspenseful. . . . Hegedus and Pennebaker tell the story sweetly and capture the delicious spirit of the chefs and judges.”
— Jennifer Merin, About.com

“What a fabulous story of passion and travail! . . . A complete revelation and delight. Don’t miss it.”
— Food Network Musings Blog

“You’ll love this look at one of the world’s most exclusive competitions. . . . As the film unfolds, we find ourselves cheering on some of the competitors . . . and we suffer when some heart-breaking mishaps occur in the kitchen.”
— David Crumm, ReadTheSpirit.com