



MEDIA ALERT

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**KQED's hit series *Check, Please! Bay Area* seeks guest reviewer applications**

Ordinary diners will review local restaurants for the upcoming fifth season  
Applications are due January 21, 2010

January 11, 2010, San Francisco, CA --- Calling all diners! **Check, Please! Bay Area**, KQED's Emmy Award-winning restaurant review series, is looking for new guests to discuss their favorite local restaurants. Winner of the prestigious James Beard Foundation Media Award for Best Local Television Food Show, **Check, Please! Bay Area** airs Fridays at 8:30pm and Thursdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9HD. Potential reviewers who would like to tell the Bay Area about their favorite local eatery—anything from a four-star destination to your local café or street food from a traveling truck—are encouraged to complete the online application at [www.kqed.org/checkplease](http://www.kqed.org/checkplease). Applications must be received by Thursday, January 21st.

Please note that in order to appear on the show, guests must be at least 21 years old, and be willing to travel to and participate in a taping at KQED studios in San Francisco. The taping will take place on a weekday in late February and last a few hours. Those chosen to be a guest on **Check, Please! Bay Area** must also be able to get to the KQED studio at their own expense, and to travel to any restaurant location within a 50-mile radius of San Francisco. The shows will air on KQED 9HD as part of the fifth season of **Check, Please! Bay Area**, beginning in May 2010.

Award-winning author Leslie Sbrocco is the host of **Check, Please! Bay Area** with Tina Salter as the series producer.

**Check, Please! Bay Area** turns local diners into food critics while Bay Area residents discover the latest in food trends, from the simplest café to the luxurious four-star destination. Find a new restaurant or rediscover an old favorite on **Check, Please! Bay Area**, Fridays at 8:30pm on KQED Public Television. Check out [www.kqed.org/checkplease](http://www.kqed.org/checkplease) to stream or download video, find recipes, restaurant info, and more.

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