



MEDIA ALERT

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

Local diners will review Bay Area restaurants for the upcoming sixth season

May 2, 2011 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 Thursdays at 7:30pm on KQED Public Television 9. 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 [kqed.org/checkplease](http://kqed.org/checkplease).

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 Friday between the months of June and September and will 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 as part of the sixth season of **Check, Please! Bay Area**, beginning in July 2011.

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**, Thursdays at 7:30pm on KQED 9. Check out [www.kqed.org/checkplease](http://www.kqed.org/checkplease) to stream or download video, find recipes, restaurant info, and more.

### About KQED

KQED ([kqed.org](http://kqed.org)) has served Northern California for more than 50 years and is affiliated with NPR and PBS. KQED owns and operates public television stations KQED 9 (San Francisco/Bay Area), KTEH 54 (San Jose/Bay Area), and KQET 25 (Watsonville/Monterey); KQED Public Radio (88.5FM San Francisco and 89.3FM Sacramento); the interactive platforms [kqed.org](http://kqed.org), [kteh.org](http://kteh.org), and [KQEDnews.org](http://KQEDnews.org); and KQED Education. KQED Public Television, one of the nation's most-watched public television stations, is the producer of local and national series such as *QUEST*; *Check, Please! Bay Area*; *This Week in Northern California*; *Truly CA*; and *Essential Pépin*. KQED's digital television channels include 9HD, Life, World, Kids, and V-me, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. KQED Public Radio, home of *Forum* with Michael Krasny and *The California Report*, is one of the most-listened-to public radio stations in the nation with an award-winning news and public affairs program service delivering more than eighteen local newscasts daily. KQED Interactive provides KQED's cross-platform news service, [KQEDnews.org](http://KQEDnews.org), as well as offers several popular local blogs, video and audio podcasts, and a live radio stream at [kqed.org](http://kqed.org). KQED Education brings the impact of KQED to thousands of teachers, students, parents, and the general public through workshops, community screenings, and multimedia resources.