



**WETA TV 26 Seeks Greater Washington Area Foodies
for New Television Series *Check, Please!*[®]
*Production to Begin Summer 2017***

[April 5, 2017; Arlington, VA] – Washington D.C., named 2016 Restaurant City of the Year by Bon Appétit Magazine, is currently one of the hottest foodie destinations in the United States. With new restaurants opening every day, identifying true dining gems can be a matter of taste. WETA TV 26 has explored food and culture in the region for television, most recently with *WETA Neighborhoods* and the upcoming *Neighborhood Eats*. Today, WETA is announcing a new local television series, where the diner’s perspective will take center stage. *Check, Please!*[®], slated to begin production this summer, is currently seeking guest reviewers to lend their foodie knowledge on-camera.

“*Check, Please!*[®], the latest in our roster of WETA TV 26 series celebrating local culture, will offer a fun way to hear about the hidden treasures of Washington’s food scene,” notes Kevin Harris, WETA Vice President and Television Station Manager, “The series offers a refreshingly candid way to explore favorite restaurants in the District, Maryland and Virginia.”

Check, Please![®] gives viewers an unfiltered look at the local restaurant scene through a panel of citizen reviewers sharing their honest opinions. In each episode, three guests each recommend one dining spot for review by the other two guests. After anonymously trying each restaurant recommendation, the guests join the show’s host in-studio to discuss their experiences together. WETA is developing the hit public television concept for Greater Washington, building on successful public television series in Chicago, San Francisco, Miami, and Arizona. Giving knowledgeable local diners a chance to share their favorite eateries and experiences, the series, expected to air on WETA TV 26 in Fall 2017, will cover a wide range of treasured neighborhood establishments recommended by actual customers.

WETA is accepting applications for guest reviewers on *Check, Please!*[®], which begins filming this summer at the WETA studios in Arlington, VA. For more information, please visit weta.org/checkplease.

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About WETA

WETA Television and Classical WETA 90.9 FM are public broadcasting stations serving the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia with high-quality programming. Classical WETA 90.9 FM brings classical music, concerts and specials to Greater Washington. As the leading PBS station in the nation's capital, WETA Television broadcasts on four channels: WETA TV 26, WETA HD, WETA UK and WETA Kids. WETA Television celebrates the people and history of this region through programs such as *WETA Around Town*, *WETA Extras* and *WETA Arts*. For national PBS audiences, WETA Washington, D.C., is one of the largest-producing stations of new content for public television in the United States, with news and public affairs programs including *PBS NewsHour* and *Washington Week*; films by Ken Burns such as *The Civil War* and *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*; and performance specials from the White House, the U.S. Capitol, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. WETA creates leading public service websites such as www.ReadingRockets.org, www.LDOnline.org, www.ColorinColorado.org, www.AdLit.org and www.Brainline.org; and develops community outreach programs to engage people of all ages in the joy of lifelong learning. The WETA studios and administrative offices are located in Arlington, Virginia. Sharon Percy Rockefeller is president and CEO. More information on WETA and its programs and services is available at www.weta.org. On social media, visit www.facebook.com/wetatvfm on Facebook or follow @WETAtvfm on Twitter.

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