



**WETA TV 26 Announces Compass Rose Restaurateur
Rose Previte as Host of *Check, Please!*[®]
*Production to Begin June 2017***

[June 9, 2017; Arlington, VA] – *Check, Please!*[®], the new WETA-produced local television series showcasing the diner’s perspective on the Greater Washington food scene, has named local restaurateur Rose Previte as the series host. Previte will begin filming the first episode of the series at the WETA studios in Arlington, VA the week of June 12th.

Rose Previte is the owner of Compass Rose, named to every Washington D.C. best restaurant list upon its opening in 2014, and a darling of local and national media including *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Food & Wine* and *Bon Appetit*. Recently, Compass Rose was nominated for a 2017 RAMMY Award for best casual restaurant; and Previte herself was featured in the April 2017 issue of *Washingtonian* as one of Washington D.C.’s “40 Under 40” top professionals to watch. Previte holds a master’s degree in Public Policy from George Mason University, and resides in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles with her husband, NPR *Morning Edition* co-host David Greene.

“We are thrilled to welcome Rose to the WETA family,” notes Kevin Harris, WETA Vice President and Television Station Manager, “Her love of travel, local culture and food, as well as her commitment to community makes Rose the perfect host of *Check, Please!*”

“It’s an honor to be the host of *Check, Please!*, and I’m beyond excited to be working with the amazing people of WETA for my first foray into TV,” says Rose Previte, “Meeting new people and talking about the vibrant dining scene in Washington is an amazing opportunity! I can’t wait to take viewers on a journey around the city exploring the people and businesses that make our neighborhoods so diverse.”

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 has developed 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 continues to accept applications for guest reviewers on *Check, Please!*® , which begins filming the week of June 12th at the WETA studios in Arlington, VA. For more information, please visit weta.org/checkplease.

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