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WHYY's CHECK, PLEASE! Explores Delaware Valley's Vibrant Restaurant Scene

Host Kae Lani Palmisano joins WHYY's *CHECK, PLEASE!*
 Series Premieres January 2020 on WHYY-TV

May 9, 2019 – *Check, Please!*, a new WHYY original production, will debut in January, 2020. The series invites viewers to experience all that the Delaware Valley's vibrant and diverse dining scene has to offer. Hosted by noted food and travel writer Kae Lani Palmisano, each episode features local food lovers offering up their reviews of restaurants throughout Greater Philadelphia.

You won't see professional restaurant critics on *Check, Please!* In each episode, three local diners choose their favorite restaurants for the other guests to visit anonymously. After trying all three recommended restaurants, the guests come on the show to discuss, dispute and celebrate their dining experiences.

"This region has some of the best restaurants in the world and many of them are tucked into neighborhoods where only the locals know how good they are," said *Check, Please!* host Palmisano. "This show will be an essential resource for dedicated foodies and occasional restaurant goers alike."

Obsessed with the history and origins of food, Kae Lani's journeys have taken her from exploring the Spice Route through Israel and Europe to foraging with the Māori in New Zealand. Living by the motto that "Life is too short to live anything but deliciously," the South Jersey-native and contributing Food & Travel Editor with *USA TODAY 10Best* spent last year researching cuisine and culinary traditions on four continents. In addition to reporting on international cuisine for *USA TODAY 10Best*, Kae Lani has also covered the Philadelphia food scene for the James Beard Award-winning publication *Roads & Kingdoms*.

"This season is packed with great places and personalities, and we can't wait for the show to premiere," said Palmisano.

The first season of *Check, Please!* will include stops at *Bing Bing Dim Sum*, *Vernick*, *Little Fish*, *Sate Kampar*, *Hardena*, *Zeppoli*, *Victor Café* and *Vedge*.

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