



*Check,  
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SOUTH FLORIDA

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**WPBT 2** 



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## *Check, Please!* SOUTH FLORIDA

**the hit public television show where regular people recommend and review their favorite restaurants!**

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

WPBT2's Emmy-nominated restaurant review series, *Check, Please!* SOUTH FLORIDA returns for a fourth season to public television, exploring the fantastic world of food through local diners ready to dish about their favorite neighborhood places. During each week of this five-part series, three guests each choose their favorite dining spots... then the other two guests visit those restaurants under total anonymity – the restaurants are not notified that *Check, Please!* SOUTH FLORIDA “reviewers” are dining there. After trying each other’s restaurant recommendations, the guests come on the show to discuss, dispute, and celebrate their dining experiences. *James Beard* award-winning chef and local restaurateur, **Michelle Bernstein** moderates the panel, prodding the guests to reveal their thoughts about the restaurants, while offering her own insight and color.

### **EPISODE FEATURES:**

- **3 Studio segments, moderated by Michelle Bernstein:**  
Guests describe in detail their experiences at a South Florida restaurant.
- **3 Restaurant features:** Chefs/owners of the selected restaurants are interviewed and special menu items are filmed.
- **“The Dish” segment:** An owner of a featured restaurant may demonstrate a simple recipe for an appetizer or cocktail.... or Michelle demonstrates a quick and easy-to-make dish in the kitchen.



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# Michelle Bernstein

## BIOGRAPHY



*"I'm thrilled to be part of a show that not only gives people a look into restaurants that sometimes may fall under the radar in their own areas, but also educates them about new inspired ingredients, preparations and wine pairings. For those with a passion to dine, it's a must see half-hour of television."*

*Michelle Bernstein*



James Beard Award-winning chef, restaurant owner, culinary consultant, author, TV personality, and Miami's very own sauce-y sweetheart, **Michelle Bernstein**, has been pleasing palates for over twenty years.

The Miami native's signature approach to "luxurious approachable food" may be sampled at her namesake restaurant *Michy's*, located in the new "upper east-side" of Miami. *Michy's* is what Bernstein says she has always dreamed of owning; a cozy and approachable restaurant with her husband David Martinez. Their most recent venture, *Sra. Martinez*, serves Spanish-styled tapas in Miami's Design District.

In 2006 Bernstein joined Delta Airlines in creating menus for their new Business Elite Class, both nationally and internationally. In November 2007, Chef Bernstein opened "*Michelle's at Carysfort*" at the Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo. The restaurant combines old classics with new adventurous styles and a section dedicated to steak house favorites. Bernstein also reopened her restaurant *MB* at the Aqua Hotel in Cancun, Mexico. *MB* originally began in 2004 but was part of the Hurricane Wilma Disaster. The hotel and restaurant recently reopened to an even more beautiful surrounding and lavish environment.

Experience in the kitchen has made Michelle one of the most sought-after chefs in the television industry. For two years, Bernstein co-hosted The Food Network's *Melting Pot*, a show that presented the traditions, stories and recipes of her Latin background. She was also a competitor and winner on the Food Network's *Iron Chef America* series and has appeared numerous times on the *Today Show* and *The Martha Stewart Show*. She is currently the host of WPBT2's *Check, Please! SOUTH FLORIDA*, which received an Emmy nomination this year.

Chef Michelle Bernstein won the 2008 James Beard Award for "*Best Chef: South*." Her Miami restaurant *Michy's* received "Top 50 Restaurants in the Country" from *Gourmet Magazine*, "Best New Restaurant 2006" from *Food and Wine Magazine*, made the "Top Hot List 2006" from *Bon Appétit Magazine*, "Hottest New Restaurant" from *New York Magazine* and received "4 Stars" from *The Miami Herald*. Chef Bernstein was recently given an honorable Doctorate in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University. She was also awarded the Philanthropic Award of South Florida, the Glass Ceiling Award from the Jewish Federation, "One of the 15 Top Latinas in the Nation" from *Latina Magazine*, and "Top 10 Jewish women in America" from JewishWoman International Federation. Bernstein's first cookbook, *Cuisine á Latiná*, published through Houghton-Mifflin is available at bookstores everywhere.



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### VIEWERS:

*"I love this show! I cant wait to become a guest. I pick a new restaurant to try out every week based on these reviews."*

— **Yocasta V.**

*"I loved last season and am looking foward to the new season."*

— **Mitchell K.**

*"Congratulations on your efforts with this show...very interesting approach, and I think it is important to stress that "everyone is a food critic"! Good job!"*

— **Tom H.**

*"You are to be congratulated... That your reviewers pick such interesting dining places, with superb commentaries, can only mean you have gone the extra mile to ensure your viewers are well-informed. Thank you for "good eats" whilst being well entertained."*

— **JohnnyB**

### RESTAURANT OWNERS:

*"I so underestimated the effectiveness of your show that I was unprepared for our business to triple the first weekend after the broadcast. My new customers are so impressed by the show. I think **Check, Please! South Florida** gets much respect and trust from the public, and they can't wait to see the next episode."*

— **Young Lee, SAIGON CUISINE**

*"I am writing this letter to thank **Check, Please! South Florida**. Within ten minutes of the airing we had phone calls to the restaurant. Since then we have had numerous amounts of people making reservations stating that they have seen us on tv. I highly recommend it to any restaurant that wants the exposure that we have received."*

— **Bruce Feingold, DADA RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**

*"I just wanted to thank you again for the amazing, wonderful job you and your crew did. We had people driving all the way up from Ft. Lauderdale, Miami and Delray, as well as people who live right here in town and never knew about us....Here we are in the middle of summer and our business has increased as if we were in season."*

— **Michelle Taylor, BELLE & MAXWELL'S**

*"Our business saw an immediate and sustained response from being featured on Check, Please!" The phone started ringing as soon as the show ended and even now, a month later, patrons are coming in because "they saw us on tv". Thank you!"*

— **Chuck Ternosky, CALYPSO RESTAURANT & RAW BAR**

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010

Michelle Bernstein and Check, Please! South Florida returns January 18



Check, Please! South Florida returns on WPBT2 (Channel 2) Monday, January, 18, 2010 at 7:30pm and will air regularly on Monday's and Wednesday's.

Award-winning chef and host, Michelle Bernstein, was back to corral a talkative group of foodies and to share some enticing new recipes of her own. Check, Please!

South Florida gives residents from all walks of life the rare opportunity to be restaurant reviewers for a day. Each episode brings together three dining enthusiasts to dish about their favorite restaurants. Host Michelle Bernstein leads the conversation, as the reviewers discuss, rate, and celebrate their dining experiences. See what South Floridians from West Palm Beach to South Miami have to say about local restaurants. Featured recipes are given in each episode; like meatballs, lobster pasta, Chimichurri sauce, and more. Apply to be a guest judge and watch previous episodes at [Check, Please!](#)

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- Previous entry: Miami woman competes today at Dunkin Donut contest
- Next entry: Share our Strength fundraiser Thursday at Broward convention center

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New season of Check, Please! South Florida starts Monday

Posted by John Tanasychuk on May 7, 2010 07:00 AM

The fourth season of **Check, Please! South Florida** starts at 7:30 p.m. Monday on WPBT-Ch. 2.

Each season features five new shows, with three South Florida foodies nominating their favorite restaurants. **Chef Michelle Bernstein** acts as moderator.



Here's the lineup of restaurants for each show.

**Monday: Boston's on the Beach**, Delray Beach; Bogart's, Boca Raton and Rhythm Cafe, West Palm Beach

**May 17: Schnitzel Haus**, Miami; 3030 Ocean, Fort Lauderdale and Shibui, Miami

**May 24: The Cheese Course**, Weston; Josef's, Plantation and Creolina's Dixie Take-out, Davie

**May 31: Maroosh Mediterranean Restaurant**, Coral Gables; Imlee Indian Bistro, Pinecrest and Miami Juice, Sunny Isles

**June 7: Salute! On the Beach**, Key West; Marker 88, Islamorada and Fish House, Key Largo

Episodes repeat at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Look for recipes, reviews, contests and videos at [checkpleasefl.com](#) where you can also apply to become a guest on an upcoming show.

PHOTO: Bernstein and guests from the May 31 episode.

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Dr. Sanjay Gupta Identifies Pesticide-Ridden Fruits and Vegetables



The 'Herald' Writes a Love Letter to The Forge



Chef Stokes Says to Stop Grinding Salt

ON THE TUBE

**Check, Please! and Michy Are Back :** While all of your favorite shows are in the fast lane to climactic finales (hey, *Loaf!*), the new season of Check, Please! South Florida starts tonight at 7:30 on WPBT-Ch.2 Join Chef Michelle Bernstein as she and three local foodies discuss their favorite restaurants. On the menu for tonight: Bogart's, Rhythm cafe, and Boston's on the Beach. [[Check, Please!](#)]

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The Miami Herald

Posted on Wed, Jan. 13, 2010

## Channel 2's 'Check, Please!' back with new season

*Check, Please!*, WPBT-PBS 2's restaurant review show, returns for a third season at 7:30 p.m. Monday with host **Michelle Bernstein** and 15 viewer-reviewers chosen from nearly 1,000 applicants. First up: **The Field Irish Pub** and **Larry and Teddy's Casa Bella** in Dania Beach and **Hong Kong City BBQ** in Tamarac.

Subsequent episodes will critique **El Carajo**, Miami; **DeVito South Beach**, Miami Beach; **Scorch**, North Miami; **Sage Oyster Bar**, Hollywood; **Stained Glass Pub**, Fort Lauderdale; **Seafood World**, Lighthouse Point; **Sailfish Marina**, West Palm Beach; **Sushi Rock**, Boca Raton; **Victoria's Peruvian Cuisine**, Lake Worth; **La Parrilla Liberty**, Miami Beach; **Gabose**, Lauderhill, and **Andiamo Pizza**, Miami. Shows are rebroadcast at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.