

Third Annual Eight's Check, Please! Arizona Festival

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While the Emmy Award-winning television hit, [Eight's Check, Please! Arizona](#) continues unabated, its culinary cousin, **Eight's Check, Please! Arizona Festival** continues on its own glorious path for a third straight year of pleasing fans of local, independent eateries, celebrated once again, Sun., March 22, 2015, 11am-3pm at CityScape in downtown Phoenix.

Check, Please! Arizona is one of the most popular locally produced programs on *Eight, Arizona PBS*. And Eight will again transform CityScape into a haven for food adventurers, a one-stop exploration of Arizona's independent restaurant collective that ranges from every-day hamburger haunts to five-star gourmet establishments.

In its third year, the event is crowned with a gathering of Arizona's James Beard Foundation award-winners, among them, Emmy Award-winning host of Eight's *Check, Please! Arizona* Robert McGrath, plus Christopher Gross, Chris Bianco, and Nobuo Fukuda.

In addition, as Arizona's culinary scene continues to advance in global sophistication, the 2015 version of the event will also showcase overlays by Arizona's chef talent, including a second panel of top Valley chefs, in addition to a lineup of cooking demonstrations by local chefs on two stages, provided by SubZero/Wolf, and a tour of favorite wines by Chef Christopher Gross, including tastings and tips for food pairings.

The festival also will be adding several new restaurants to the lineup this year from *Check, Please! Arizona's* five seasons on-air, as well as featuring many returning favorites, to date including:

Switch Restaurant & Wine Bar

The Wild Thaiger

Salerno's

Haus Murphy's

Frasher's Steakhouse & Lounge

The Salt Cellar

Flavors of Louisiana

Rancho Pinot

Cowboy Ciao

Jewel of the Crown

Cucina Tagliani

Tarbell's

San Tan Brewing Company

Thee Pitts "Again"

Hob Nob

Phoenix City Grille

Red, White and Brew

Betty's Nosh

Avanti Restaurant

MacAlpine's Restaurant & Soda Fountain

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TICKETS. Tickets are available at www.azpbs.org/checkplease/festival. General admission in advance is \$79; at the door tickets are \$89. Tickets include food, wine and beer sampling as well as panel discussions, cooking demonstrations and guest lectures. NOTE: Last year, the event sold out.