



Grace Ramirez

Grace Ramirez is far from your average television chef. This vivacious and stylish icon, known as 'La Latina' has lived all around the world and not only cooks exquisite Latin cuisine, but also empowers children, women and minorities to find their personal power and passion through educating them about every aspect of food, including creating a healthy relationship with it.

Grace takes great pleasure in mastering every aspect of the culinary process – from growing, harvesting, hunting and gathering to using these resources to create mouthwatering creations in the kitchen.

Miami-born, but raised in Venezuela, Grace moved to New York when she was just 24 years old, where she got her big break in culinary television working on the famed *Throwdown with Bobby Flay* on Food Network after producing and directing for some of the largest television networks including MTV, and Nickelodeon.

Chasing her desire to continually challenge herself, Grace left her coveted role at *Throwdown with Bobby Flay* after three years to return to her culinary roots as a contestant on *Masterchef USA*. After being selected from 60,000 to participate and winning a scholarship to the prestigious French Culinary Institute in New York City, this city girl followed her passion once again and moved to lush Auckland, New Zealand. There she discovered her inner outdoorswoman and learned to fish, hunt and cook a variety of game meats in this beautiful land rich with natural resources and fabulous wine.

While in New Zealand, Grace contributed to many magazines and the popular cooking show *My Kitchen Rules*, which also airs in Australia, the United Kingdom, and Asia. She also discovered her

passion for teaching children and philanthropy through New Zealand's Garden to Table program, where she taught children how to grow, harvest, prepare and share food. This experience, in which she says the children taught her more than she taught them, became a part of her. Now, having returned to New York four years later, she is actively collaborating with The Horticultural Society of New York to teach children about the power of food. Grace is also actively supporting numerous relief efforts throughout the world for Haiti, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, working with World Central Kitchen, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, World Child Cancer, Woman Kind & Wellness in the Schools, among many other organizations.

Grace returned to the Food Network and New York and is currently the network's only star in history to host feature programs both in North America (Cooking Channel USA) and South America (Food Network Latin America's Destino Con Sabor) simultaneously. She frequently appears on many cooking programs, including Food Network's *Beat Bobby Flay*, ABC's *The Chew*, *Moveable Feast Mexico*, Univision's *Despierta America*, and Telemundo's *Un Nuevo Dia*.

Grace's highly anticipated second book, *The Five Ingredient Electric Cooker Cookbook*, which shows people how they can make healthy and delicious food quickly, is now available via pre-order. Her first book, *La Latina*, was a best seller in New Zealand and is also on sale in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.