

George Duran, host of Ham on the Street and Secret Life of...on Food Network, is a Chef and Entertainer.

Born and raised in Venezuela, Duran attended New York University, majoring in Communications Studies. It was there where he began to pursue his interests of television and radio production, hosting Hye Time Radio Talk Show at the National Association of College Broadcasters in 1996.

Duran continued in radio, working as an on-air personality for comedy segments at WPLJ-FM in New York. There, he interacted with everyday people on the street, asking questions, doing stunts, and cracking jokes. He moved on to WABC Radio in 1999 where he produced and performed more comedy sketches.

In 2000, Duran moved into the TV world, working in production on the popular MTV show, House of Style. From there he moved to the Latin music television station, HTV, where from Miami he hosted shows such as The Top 21 Videos of 2001 and Pachanga!

2002 proved to be an important year for Duran. He decided to move to Paris and pursue his other interest – food! Duran attended culinary school in France at the Ecole Superieure de Cuisine Francaise Groupe Ferrandi. While there, he hosted on France's Culinary Network Cuisine TV a successful TV show, Pop Cuisine, which was nominated for a 7 D'Or (French Emmy) – Best Cable Show Award, and won a 2003 Silver Grape Gastronomic Award. He also wrote culinary pieces for the French edition of FHM magazine.

In 2005 Duran began hosting one of Food Network's popular shows, Ham on the Street, where he demonstrated his astute interviewing and culinary skills. The show's comedic content appealed to the network's core audience, but most importantly brought in an unprecedented amount of younger viewers to the network's lineup.

In February of 2007, Duran began hosting The Secret Life of..., a light hearted exploration of the history of foods that we all love.

Duran's culinary interests lie in French, Armenian, and South American Cuisines. He currently lives in Brooklyn, NY.