

X GAMES ASPEN 2020 TELEVISION TALENT BIOS

Host:

Jack Mitrani (@jackmitrani)

Jack Mitrani is one of snowboarding's most popular personalities. After spending 12 years as a competitive snowboarder, he translated his talents into a career that celebrates his entrepreneurial and vivacious spirit. He returns to the X Games Aspen telecast team, his third as host.

Early in Mitrani's career, he got his start by producing gut-busting comedic skits, and has since refined professional action sports footage that broadcast greats such as ESPN, HBO and NBC have chased down through the years.

In 2008, Mitrani and friends Danny Davis, Dave Driscoll and Keir Dillon started the Friends Crew, all centering around the concept that "there's no I in friends." Initially, the crew consisted of seven pro-snowboarders who traveled the world, making funny videos and skits, while winning major snowboarding contests, and promoting that collaboration was more fun than doing it solo. Today he is best known as a television host -- most notably serving as the host of X Games -- Friendly Gathering cofounder, content creator and Martin Guitar Ambassador.

Born and raised in Long Island, Mitrani's family moved to Vermont after he and brother/pro snowboarder Luke convinced their parents to allow them to attend Stratton Mountain School, where snowboarding was a part of the curriculum.

Mitrani currently resides in Burlington, Vt. with his fiancé, Hannah. They recently welcomed a new addition to their family, Willa Rose Mitrani.

Commentators/Analysts

Brandon Graham – Snowboard (@Brando_Graham)

Brandon Graham returns to the X Games Aspen 2019 telecast team as play-by-play commentator for all Snowboard events. The Bay Area native has been a part of the X Games team since 2013, handling skateboard play-by-play for the summer events as well as broadcast duties for the *World of X Games* series on ABC. Graham previously served as the play-by-play voice of Rob Dyrdek's Street League Skateboarding.

He currently resides in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Nadia, and daughter, Sofia.

Craig McMorris – Snowboard (@Craig_McMorris)

Craig McMorris joined the X Games Aspen telecast team in 2015 and is a professional snowboarder, member of the Shred Bots and older brother to seven-time X Games gold medalist and two-time Olympic Winter Games bronze medalist, Mark McMorris.

A native of Regina, SK, Canada, Craig has competed in elite level events and is known within the snowboard world for his outgoing and charismatic personality. He has starred in his own unscripted television show on MTV Canada with his brother, *McMorris & McMorris*, and got his broadcast break for CBC during the Sochi Winter Olympic Games, where he announced the Snowboard Slopestyle and Halfpipe events. He returned to host CBC's coverage of the Pyeongchang Olympics, as well.

Tom Wallisch – Ski (@TWallisch)

No stranger to the X Games, Wallisch has ten X Games Aspen and Tignes appearances as a competitor. Wallisch has one X Games Aspen gold medal from his most dominant season in 2012, and one gold from X Games Europe 2010. He also won the overall Dew Tour and the AFP titles that year. In addition, he owns the Guinness World Record for World's Longest Railslide.

Growing up a weekend warrior with no formal ski background, Wallisch's freestyle ski career blossomed when he made the move to Utah for college. He quickly gained recognition from major ski film companies with his grassroots video parts and was recruited to star in several productions. Wallisch currently owns and operates his film production company "Good Company."

Jen Hudak - Ski (@jenhudak)

Jen Hudak is a two-time world champion halfpipe skier and five-time X Games medalist. She retired from competition in 2015 to step into her next act as a writer and career transition coach for athletes and entrepreneurs. Jen co-hosts a podcast, *Balanced Pursuits*, with former pro-skier Kristi Leskinen, where they explore what it takes to turn your passion into profit. If she's not skiing, biking or writing, Jen loves to be behind the mic as a broadcaster.

Jimmy Coleman – Snowmobile & Snow Bike (@jcnomad13)

TV personality Jimmy Coleman has been skateboarding since the age of eight. It was skating that would help start his career as an announcer back in 1993, but by 1997 it became a full-time opportunity.

Over the last two decades, he has hosted numerous action sports events and demonstrations all across the globe, as well as some mainstream sporting events. Coleman has had the opportunity to watch and work with many of the biggest names in the industry.

Coleman first joined the X Games broadcast team in 2000 at X Games Six in San Francisco, Calif.. For the last 18 years he has acted as the play-by-play commentator for all X Games BMX events. Coleman is no stranger to X Games Aspen, having served the last five years as live event announcer for all of the snowmobile events. For X Games Aspen, he will return to the broadcast team as play-by-play commentator for all snowmobile and snow bike events.

Levi LeVallee – Snowmobile & Snow Bike (@levi_levallee)

Among the best all-around professional snowmobilers in the world, Chris Burandt fared well in Freestyle, SnoCross, HillCross and HillClimb competitions before moving into the X Games television booth in 2010.

Burandt built his reputation as a precedent-setting free rider, participating in numerous snowmobile competitions and starring in many snowmobile-oriented action sports movies. He helped pioneer the sport of snowmobile freestyle in the early 2000s, scoring podium positions all over North America and the world, including gold in the X Games 2007 Snowmobile Freestyle contest.

In 2007, he founded a snowmobile touring company, Burandt's Backcountry Adventure. The outfit operates in the mountains around Buena Vista, Colo., where Burandt lives with his wife, son and daughter.

Reporters:**DC – Snowboard & Ski (@djdcearth)**

An action sports enthusiast and resident of Breckenridge, Colo., "DC", aka Jonathan Oetken, has been working as a live event sideline reporter for the X Games since 2013. A multi-talented host, DC has filled a wide range of roles at action sports events around the globe, including the most recent summer and winter Olympic Games. DC has formed a close relationship with athletes and industry members through his roles as sideline reporter, host announcer, sport announcer and even event DJ at action sports events throughout the past decade. DC's respect, love and passion for action sports shine through in his ability to connect fans with the athletes through sharing their stories.

Dianna Dahlgren – Snowmobile & Snow Bike (@diannadahlgren)

Hailing from the action sports mecca of Temecula Valley, California, Dahlgren grew up surrounded by motors. At 19 years old, Dahlgren was selected as Miss Monster Energy Supercross. The longest standing Miss Supercross, Dahlgren took on the role of live announcer for Monster Energy Supercross in 2010. During her five-year reign as Miss Supercross, in which she served as the proverbial spokesperson of Monster Energy AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship, Dahlgren established herself as one of the most recognizable personalities in the sport. She not only served as an integral part at the races but also helped increase the sport's social media exposure, assuming the role of social media correspondent during the live Monster Energy Supercross broadcasts on FS1. By 2015, she was hosting live shows and television for multiple action sports full-time. She now resides in Las Vegas, with her husband Ryan, a former Navy Seal, and her son, Hunter. She will be on the X Games team in Aspen as a corral reporter for all the Snowmobile and Snow Bike events.