

## X GAMES MINNEAPOLIS 2019 TELEVISION TALENT BIOS

### **Hosts:**

#### **Jack Mitrani (@JackMitrani)**

Jack Mitrani is a professional snowboarder, entrepreneur, filmmaker, music festival producer and aspiring musician. Mitrani is the host of X Games and *World of X Games* events.

Early in his 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 frends.” 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.

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.

### **Commentators/Analysts**

#### **Brandon Graham - Skateboard (@Brando\_Graham)**

Brandon Graham returns to the X Games telecast team as play-by-play commentator for all Skateboard 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.

#### **Bob Burnquist – Skateboard (@bobburnquist)**

Retiring from X Games competition after X Games Minneapolis 2017, Burnquist will join the telecast team in 2018 providing analysis for the Skateboard Vert, Park and Big Air competitions. The most-medaled athlete in X Games history with 30, Burnquist was the only athlete to compete at every X Games summer event through Minneapolis 2017. Tied for the second-most gold in X Games history, Burnquist has 14 gold, eight silver and eight bronze medals from X Games alone. A licensed helicopter and airplane pilot, Burnquist is also an avid skydiver. Burnquist currently splits time between his homes in Brazil and California.

#### **Gary Rogers - Skateboard (@gcode\_tb4l)**

Rogers made his X Games telecast team debut in 2017 and will again provide analysis for the Men’s and Amateur Skateboard Street competitions. Beginning his on-air career with a satirical online skateboarding news program called *Skateline*, Rogers is an uber fan of skateboarding who offers unapologetic commentary on the space. *Skateline* was quickly picked up by Tony Hawk’s *Ride Channel* who funded and distributed the show for several years until moving to *Thrasher Magazine*’s site where it streams currently.

#### **Lyn-z Pastrana - Skateboard (@Lynzskate)**

Considered one of the top female skateboarders in the world, Lyn-z Pastrana will provide analysis for the Women’s Skateboard Park and Street competitions. An eight-time X Games medalist, Pastrana is a three-time X Games Vert gold medalist. The first woman to skate the Megaramp at just 15 years old, Pastrana is also the first female to land a McTwist 540 in competition. A playable character in the Tony Hawk video games, Pastrana keeps active in the contest scene by attending and commentating for the World Cup Skate events. Pastrana is currently traveling the world as part of the Nitro Circus Tour with husband, and fellow X Games legend, Travis Pastrana, and their two daughters, Addy and Bristol.

#### **Chris “Uncle E” Ernst – BMX (@unclee1969)**

Widely considered a pioneer of skiercross, Chris Ernst is credited by many for helping to shape a new category of ski racing and forging a new discipline in action sports. A former ski aerialist, Ernst is a live event announcer for numerous sports events and is also the founder of EXP Productions.

He currently lives in Southern California with his wife and three kids.

#### **Scotty Cranmer - BMX (@scottycranmer)**

Cranmer will provide analysis for the BMX Dirt and Dave Mirra Best Trick competitions. Staring his career as a BMX racer, Cranmer quickly realized his love of Freestyle. Competing in his first Freestyle competition in 2003, he beat out the best in

BMX en route to one of the most stellar rookie years in BMX history. Over 10 years later, Cranmer is a multiple-time X Games and Dew Tour winner. With nine total X Games medals, Cranmer owns three Park gold medals. He also owns the Incline Club Skatepark in his New Jersey hometown, where he is often found teaching local BMX riders.

### **Jimmy Coleman – Moto X (@jcnomadic)**

Growing up skateboarding, the sport propelled TV personality Jimmy Coleman into a career as an announcer. Over the last 20 years, Coleman has hosted numerous action sports events and demonstrations all across the globe, as well as hosting some mainstream events.

Coleman first joined the X Games broadcast team in 2000 at X Games Six in San Francisco. For the last 19 years, he has acted as play-by-play commentator for all X Games BMX events. For Minneapolis 2019, he will cover all freestyle motocross events alongside analyst Mike Mason.

### **Mike Mason – Moto X (@Mike\_Mason81)**

Mason made X Games telecast debut in 2018, and this year he will provide analysis for the Moto X Freestyle, Best Whip, Best Trick and QuarterPipe High Air competitions. Beginning his career as a Motocross racer, Mason's Arenacross background made his speed and tricks tough to beat en route to four X Games Speed & Style gold medals. An eight-time X Games medalist, Mason also has two Freestyle bronze medals and competed in 2015's Real Moto. Mason is a two-time ASA World Championships of Freestyle Motocross champion and took 2<sup>nd</sup> on the overall AST Dew Tour series in 2006. Most recently, Mason has been traveling the world as part of the Nitro Circus Tour.

### **Scott Deubler – Flat Track (@scottiedeubler)**

Scottie Deubler returns to the X Games telecast team at X Games Minneapolis. Riding motorcycles since the age of five, Deubler is a third generation flat-track racer who raced on the professional circuit for nearly a decade. In 2002, he retired from racing and began his career in announcing for events including Monster Jam (2003-2009), and currently announces for the Toughest Monster Truck Tour and Monster Nation. He has also been the live play-by-play announcer for the American Flat Track series since 2009 and is a co-announcer on FansChoice.TV.

A native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Deubler currently resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### **Reporters:**

#### **Craig McMorris - Skateboard (@Craig\_McMorris)**

Craig McMorris joined the X Games telecast team in 2015 and is a professional snowboarder, member of the Shred Bots and older brother to six-time X Games gold medalist and Sochi Olympic Winter Games bronze medalist Mark McMorris. During the Aspen event, McMorris provides analysis for the snowboard events.

A native of Regina, SK, Canada, Craig has competed in elite level events and is known for his outgoing and charismatic personality within the snowboard world. 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.

#### **Dianna Dahlgren – Moto X (@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.

#### **Chris Doyle – BMX (@Chris\_Doyle22)**

A professional BMX athlete for 19 years, Chris Doyle is a five-time X Games medalist. A trail rider by trade, Doyle medaled in Dirt at X Games for four straight years from 2002-2005. He won his fifth medal in 2015 after a 10-year gap. He also holds the distinction of being named the 2010 NORA Cup Dirt Jumper of the Year. Recently moving his talents to the broadcast booth, Doyle has provided on-air commentary for Dew Tour and Simple Session events, as well as hosting ESPN's *Real BMX* show on ABC. Doyle and wife, Denise, welcomed their first child, Shaylan, in 2016.