

'MEOW MADNESS'

CAST BIOS

BETH STERN (Host) – Since her relationship with Howard Stern went public, Beth Stern has become a household name. She regularly graces magazine covers and continues to work as a TV host and correspondent. One of Stern's greatest passions, animals, led to her role as the host of Nat Geo Wild's new series "Spoiled Rotten Pets." Stern was also recently as the host of HGTV's "Mom Caves." Stern has always used her spot in the public eye to educate the public about animal rights and is most proud of her work as the national spokesperson for The North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill animal shelter. Stern's first book, "Oh My Dog: How To Raise Your Pet to Be a Happy, Disciplined, Healthy, Fun, And Friendly Ball of Love" was released by Simon Spotlight Entertainment, in Spring 2010. In addition, Stern has appeared on ABC's "True Beauty" and serves as a correspondent for Extra. She's recently made appearances on "The Rachael Ray Show," "Today Show" and "The Wendy Williams Show."

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MARY CARILLO (Announcer) – Widely recognized as one of the most talented and opinionated network-TV sports announcers, Mary Carillo currently works for HBO Sports, NBC Sports and The Tennis Channel.

Most recently, Carillo covered the French Open in 2014 and served as late night show host and Olympic correspondent for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Carillo also served in the same role for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games and 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. London marked Carillo's 11th Olympic assignment and her eighth with NBC.

At the 2006 Winter Games in Torino, Carillo hosted "Olympic Ice," a daily figure skating show on USA Network. At the 2004 Athens Games, Carillo earned critical praise in her debut as a full-time Olympic host on Bravo's coverage in addition to anchoring USA Network's live, Grand Slam-style coverage of the tennis gold medal finals. During NBC's coverage of the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games, Carillo served as the reporter at Utah Olympic Park, where she covered the bobsled, luge and skeleton competitions. Her comment that men's doubles luge is "like a bar bet gone bad" was recognized as "line of the year" in many sports television columns. In addition, Carillo's work co-hosting the 2002 Closing Ceremony alongside Dan Hicks earned her critical acclaim.

Carillo served as a tennis analyst in both Sydney (2000) and Atlanta (1996) and as the skiing reporter for CBS's coverage in Nagano (1998), Lillehammer (1994) and Albertville (1992). She made her NBC broadcast debut as an analyst for the 1996 Family Circle Magazine Cup tennis event.

In 2003, Carillo joined NBC as an analyst on the network's French Open and Wimbledon coverage, teaming with analyst John McEnroe and play-by-play commentator Ted Robinson. Carillo's candid and insightful commentary has earned her accolades throughout the industry, including the distinction of being called "the sport's top analyst" by *Sports Illustrated*.

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Carillo has worked as a tennis analyst for CBS since 1986. She has also been a correspondent on HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" since 1997. Carillo worked as both a host and analyst on Turner Sports' coverage of Wimbledon from 2000-02 and on HBO's Wimbledon coverage from 1996-99. She also spent several years at ESPN, covering major tennis tournaments. Prior to

ESPN, she worked for USA Network (1980-87), PBS (1981-86) and Madison Square Garden Network (1981-88).

In 2010, Carillo became the first female recipient of the Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism. Prior to that, in May of 2006, Carillo earned a Sports Emmy® Award for Outstanding Long Feature for the inspiring story of the Hoyt Family. Carillo has also received two coveted Peabody Awards, one of television's highest honors. One was for her work on the HBO documentary "Billie Jean King, Portrait of a Pioneer" and the other for co-writing the HBO documentary "Dare to Compete: The Struggle of Women in Sport," with Frank DeFord. Carillo was named "Best Commentator" by *Tennis Magazine* (1988-91), "Best Commentator" by *World Tennis Magazine* (1986) and "Broadcaster of the Year" by the WTA (1981 and 1985). She has co-written two books—*Tennis My Way* with Martina Navratilova and Rick Elstein's *Tennis Kinetics*.

Carillo played on the professional tennis tour from 1977-80. Teaming with McEnroe, whom she grew up with, Carillo won the 1977 French Open mixed doubles title. She was a doubles runner-up at the U.S. Clay Court Championships and doubles quarterfinalist at the US Open in 1977.

A native of Queens, New York, Carillo lives in Naples, Florida.

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JOHN SALLEY (ANNOUNCER) - Most can achieve a goal and be pleasantly satisfied with their results but to continually create new tasks to accomplish and to reinvent your self is the mark of a versatile and motivated individual. It is the definition of father, athlete, actor, entrepreneur, talk show host, philanthropist, wellness advocate, vegan and champion: John Salley.

A proud native of Brooklyn, New York, John found a love for basketball at an early age. He accepted a Basketball Scholarship to Georgia Tech to play for legendary head coach Bobby Cremins. From there Salley went on to become a 15-year NBA veteran and was the first NBA player to win four championships with three different teams. During the 80's, Salley was a member of the Detroit Piston "Bad Boys" squad. Salley went on to Chicago playing with Michael Jordan as part of the Bulls 1996 championship team. In 1999, Phil Jackson invited Salley to come to Los Angeles to provide experience and leadership to the 1999-2000 Lakers' championship team.

After his retirement from the NBA in 2000, Salley explored several opportunities in both television and film. Salley's film credits include "Bad Boys 1 & 2," "Eddie" and Jerry Bruckheimer's "Confession of a Shopaholic." John has served as host for numerous award shows and was also the host of *The John Salley Block Party* on 100.3 The Beat Morning Show in Los Angeles. John recently hosted the Reunion Shows of VH-1's #1 rated show, "Basketball Wives."

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Salley spent 7 years serving as the co-host of the Emmy nominated, critically acclaimed “The Best Damn Sports Show Period” on Fox Sports Net. He was also the host of the sports talk show “Ballers” on BET. Salley is the head of his own production company, John Salley Presents, Inc., where he uses his uncanny ability to find unique and interesting people and projects for television, film and Internet. In April 2011 until recently, Salley hosted his own talk show “Game On!” airing on The Reelz Channel. In addition, Salley was also a co-host on “The Car Show,” airing on Speed Channel. Salley has also been the MC for numerous Corporate and Charity events.

Salley is actively involved with Operation Smile, PETA and the fight against Diabetes. In addition, Salley is involved with PCRM and visited Washington speaking to Congress about the Child Nutrition Act, asking Members to support legislation that would increase vegetarian options in meals served in public schools.

Salley has adopted a plant based (raw vegan) lifestyle, and is a frequent speaker at VegFest’s across the USA. As a Wellness and Health Coach, one of Salley’s main missions in life is to continue to educate people on the benefits of living a healthier lifestyle thru better eating habits. With a passion for real food, wine and spirits, Salley is a partner in the label “Vegan Vine” in partnership with Clos LaChance Winery. Salley has contributed articles to Wine Spectator, Cigar Aficionado and LA Confidential. You can follow Salley on Facebook John Salley, Twitter @thejohnsalley.com and his website, www.johnsalley.com. John currently lives in Los Angeles with his family.

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