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'HOME & FAMILY' Cast Bios

MARK STEINES (Host) – Emmy® award-winning journalist Mark Steines hosts Hallmark Channel's Emmy® -nominated "Home & Family." Along with his co-host Debbie Matenopoulos, Steines entertains and informs their audience daily with an array entertaining and relevant lifestyle topics, such as do-it-yourself projects, cooking, celebrities and experts. In 2017, Steines and Leeza Gibbons were named the annual hosts of KTLA's Rose Parade broadcast.

From small town Iowa to the red carpets of Hollywood, Steines a three-time Emmy® winner, has established himself as one of the most trusted and charismatic figures in entertainment news. Since landing in Hollywood, he has interviewed 1000s of A-list actors, producers, musicians and athletes.

Prior to joining "Home & Family," Steines helped set the gold standard in entertainment news while working at "Entertainment Tonight" for more than seventeen years. He co-hosted with Mary Hart for eight of those years and before that was the weekend anchor and was a leading entertainment reporter for nine years.

Other hosting credits include the "2008 Miss America Live!," VH-1's "Greatest TV Rock 'n' Roll Moments," VH-1's "The 25 Sexiest," the "Golden Karma Awards" recognizing international philanthropic efforts, Mark Burnett's AOL interactive online game "Gold Rush" and the "Hollywood Christmas Parade." He was a celebrity guest judge on "HGTV Design Star."

He received an Emmy® award for the KCAL-TV special "Beyond Endurance: Madagascar," an Emmy® and Golden Mic award for "Beyond Endurance: Borneo," an Emmy® as host of the 2005 Hollywood Christmas Parade, and a National Iris Award for the special "The Big Business of Sports Endorsements" and national recognition by the Women's Sports Foundation for his fair and impartial reporting on the Women's National Football League.

Steines receives rave reviews as a photographer. His appreciation for all things beautiful is captured in his portraits and majestic landscapes. He just completed shooting a new inspirations picture book featuring his family's 3lb. therapy dog, philanthropist and social media influencer Norbert. The book, "Norbert's Little Lessons For a Big Life" features lessons on friendship, individuality, family and love. The heartwarming pages were written by his wife Julie Steines and her co-author, Dr. Virginia Freyermuth.

His first photo book "See The Light: A Passage To Sierra Leone," documents the Light House Medical Mission's trip to raise awareness for fresh water in impoverished countries.

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Other professional photography assignments have included shooting more than 30 celebrities for Bootcampaign.org's patriotic image campaign, and editorial work for magazine's including *Angeleno*, *Closer*, *Focus*, *Paper*, *Casual Living*, *The Wag*, *Animal Wellness*, *Groomer to Groomer* and *Life After 50*, among others.

As an actor, Steines has guest starred on television shows including "CSI: NY," "The Practice," "Medium," "Half & Half," "America's Next Top Model," "Handy Manny" and Sony Pictures' feature film "Nixon." Steines studied comedy at The Groundlings, the renowned school of improv, and earned a degree from JoAnne Baron/DW Brown Acting Studio's Meisner Technique training.

A born fitness enthusiast, Steines was featured in People Magazine's coveted "Sexiest Man Alive" issue and Men's Fitness Magazine's "25 Fittest Men in America." He was a spokesperson for Beachbody's "10-Minute Trainer" program.

Born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, he attended the University of Northern Iowa on a full football scholarship and graduated with a degree in Radio and Television. Steines began his broadcast career as a regional television sports reporter, which later brought him to Los Angeles and national television.

An avid hands-on do-it-yourself guy, Steines enjoys spending his free time fixing, remodeling and restoring all things in disrepair. He resides in Los Angeles, California with his wife acclaimed children's book author Julie Steines, his two sons, Parker Rose and their golden retriever Fred and Norbert.

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DEBBIE MATENOPOULOS (Host) - Debbie Matenopoulos has consistently proven herself to be a versatile talent in the entertainment industry. For nearly two decades, this two-time Emmy® nominee has successfully sustained her career as a compelling journalist, talk show host, lifestyle expert, and bestselling cookbook author. She has become one of the most recognized and respected personalities on television today.

Matenopoulos hit the scene at just 17 years old with MTV, and throughout her career, including her time as co-host of "The View," has interviewed nearly every Hollywood celebrity while also covering hard news topics such as the Jennifer Hudson Murder trial, Whitney Houston's death and the trial of James Holmes for the Movie Theater Massacre in Aurora, Colorado. Through her work on "The Insider" on CBS, Matenopoulos added highlight worthy interviews to her illustrious career, including an interview with Steve Tisch, owner of the New York Giants, on the field right after the Giants won the Super Bowl in 2012, an exclusive with Donald Trump and his family, an inside look with veteran CBS newsmen Barry Peterson regarding the emotional difficulties of covering tragic events such as Rwanda, Afghanistan, and the 9/11 attacks and an exclusive interview with Jenna TeLackova, the first transgender Beauty Pageant contestant ever allowed to compete in Miss Universe Pageant.

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More recently, she has sat down with Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Dolly Parton, Charlize Theron, Queen Latifah, Sarah Palin, Pamela Anderson, George Clooney, Channing Tatum, Megyn Kelly, Michael Fassbender, Ice Cube, Carol Burnett, Trisha Yearwood, Nancy Grace, Jon Hamm, Jamie Foxx, Lionel Richie, and many others.

In 1997, Matenopoulos made a name for herself by offering her point-of-view as one of the original five co-hosts of Barbara Walters' groundbreaking talk show "The View" for its first two seasons. As the youngest person in daytime history to hold a permanent co-host position on network television, Matenopoulos helped shape the show by being instrumental in building the show's format and reputation. Offering the younger generation's perspective, Matenopoulos helped make the program a tremendous success and pop culture phenomenon. Her popularity among the younger demographic led to a guest appearance as herself on "Saturday Night Live" in a parody about the talk show.

Debbie went on to launch the TV Guide Channel, host the TBS hit series "He's A Lady" alongside Morgan Fairchild and John Salley, write and sell a made for TV movie to the Oxygen Network, and then co-host FOX's nationally syndicated morning show, "Good Day Live" with Arthel Neville and Steve Edwards.

From 2005-2010, Matenopoulos became part of the E! Network family and began co-hosting all the red-carpet events with Ryan Seacrest and Giuliana Rancic, which consistently garnered E! its highest ratings, including the Emmys®; Grammys®; Golden Globes®; and Academy Awards®. Matenopoulos also hosted the top-rated show "Fashion Police," the weekday entertainment news show "The Daily 10" alongside Sal Masekela and Catt Sadler, doing both while simultaneously acting as co-host on Style Network's #1 rated show "Instant Beauty Pageant" with Cameron Mathison. Debbie was the Co-Host of CBS Television's long-running flagship entertainment news show "The Insider."

Matenopoulos' personality, charisma, and credibility have earned her the trust and respect of many of the most famous and notable people around the world. The relationships she has created continue to garner her access to some of Hollywood's most elusive celebrities. She was also the first person to interview Simon Cowell in his \$20 million dollar Beverly Hills estate, even before her mentor Barbara Walters had the chance.

Debbie dove headfirst into the food and lifestyle space and her first critically-acclaimed and bestselling cookbook, IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME was recently released in paperback with 15 new recipes. Calling the book her love letter to her family's native Greece, Debbie journeyed to Greece to write and photograph the book and is proud to share her family's favorite classic Greek recipes right from their own kitchens.

She and her husband, Jon Falcone live in Los Angeles with their three-year-old daughter, Alexandra.

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SHIRLEY BOVSHOW – Shirley is the Garden Lifestyle expert on the Hallmark Channel's "Home and Family," show, a role she has filled since the show debuted in September 2012.

Viewers look forward to Shirley's weekly gardening segments that encompass everything from mini landscape makeovers, plant care, houseplants, vegetable and herbal gardening, floral design, creative flower crafts, and the favorite, "Ask Shirley" segments.

Shirley not only teaches viewers how to grow a rose, but she also shows them how to benefit from EVERY use of the rose; as a landscape plant; in a floral arrangement; as a pressed flower; dried for potpourri; distilled as rose water; and prepared as an herbal tea!

Her specialty? Shirley presents on all that's great under the sun!

"My passion is bringing out the inner gardener in a person who is interested in gardening but may not know where to start. I like to make it fun for the viewer and deliver at least one "golden kernel" of information in every segment that makes even seasoned gardeners say, 'I didn't know that!'"

Shirley's relatable and down to earth personality has won viewers over who follow her to her social media sites to watch her popular weekly video series on her Facebook page, "EdenMakers by Shirley Bovshow," and on her YouTube channel.

A nationally recognized landscape and edible garden designer, Shirley has won numerous design awards including the coveted "Best in Houzz Design Award" from the leading online home improvement site every single year since 2012!

Pick up life lessons from the garden and tap into Shirley's joyful energy by visiting her blogs, EdenMakers and Foodie Gardener and connect with her on [Facebook](#) page where she answers every comment 100%, every day in English and Spanish!

Shirley is married and has four children and two dogs!

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KYM DOUGLAS - Kym is a television host, best-selling author, comedienne, beauty, fashion and lifestyle expert. She is also a coveted contributor to a number of magazines around the country.

Viewers delight in seeing Kym every day sharing all her latest tips on Hallmark Channel's Emmy® nominated talk/lifestyle show "Home & Family." She is often called upon to co-host as well. In addition, for the past 11 years, she has been delighting viewers with her antics on the #1 rated daytime "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

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Kym's unique improv and sketch comedy ability paired with her comedic timing and useful information make her a one of a kind "infotainment" entertainer. She has been labeled a cross between Goldie Hawn & Lucille Ball!

Kym's career started at the age of 16 when she started working as an intern at the local station WJBK in Southfield, MI. She later moved on to WLUC in Marquette, Michigan to anchor the evening news.

Kym was a member of the esteemed comedy troupe The Second City. She performed with them in Los Angeles and was a part of their improv group performing on stage nightly for over two years.

Kym met her future husband, Jerry Douglas, (John Abbott, *The Young and the Restless*) when she was hosting the 'Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon' in Las Vegas in 1983. Jerry asked her out to dinner with him after the show and their instant love story began. They have been married for 32 years. Kym Douglas is also the proud mother to her 19-year-old son Hunter, who is studying business at USC. A dog lover, she and Jerry have 2 dogs, a lab named (Tom) Brady and a Maltese, Bella Bliss.

Douglas can often be found using her kitchen as a "beauty lab" where you will find her whipping up a face mask or lotion from things she finds in her cabinets. Her son and his classmates are often her (victims) subjects. It is not unfamiliar to find five or six of them lined up on her kitchen stools as she tests her recipes on them before sharing them with the rest of the world.

Kym is a real girl's girl. She can't get enough pretty party dresses, pink lipstick, and like most women, she can never have too many shoes! Her home is her haven and she is equally comfortable cooking up beauty secrets as well as a gourmet meal for the family.

She loves her mom and dad with all her heart and E.E. Cummings is one of her favorite poets. Kym is most passionate about people, her faith, her family and her work! With a playful heart she always manages to add just the right dose of humor as she informs, inspires, and encourages you to feel good, find your inner bliss, and to become the best version of you that you can possibly be.

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ALI FEDOTOWSKY-MANNO - Ali Fedotowsky-Manno is best known to audiences as the season six Bachelorette and from season fourteen of "The Bachelor." Following her appearances on "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," Fedotowsky went to work straightaway as an on-air news correspondent for Fox 5 in San Diego. She then served as the host of NBC's "1st Look," the lifestyle show that delivers viewers the best places around the country to eat, play and indulge.

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Following her guest co-hosting on E! News, she became a full-time correspondent for two years on the popular show.

Ali grew up in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Upon graduating from Clark University, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, she moved to San Francisco to work for Facebook until she made the life changing decision to sign on for "The Bachelorette."

Since then, Ali's career has taken off, affording her tremendous opportunities to appear on several TV shows like "Today," "Rachael Ray," "GMA," "The Steve Harvey Show," and E!'s "Fashion Police." She also had a small role in Woody Allen's film "Blue Jasmine."

Ali joined the Home & Family team on The Hallmark Channel at the beginning of season six last September and regularly fills in as co-host of "Entertainment Tonight." She also runs the fashion and mommy blog – www.AliLuvs.com. Ali Luvs highlights her passion for budget friendly fashion and serves as an outlet for her and other new moms to share their experiences.

She resides in Los Angeles with her husband Kevin Manno, a well-known local radio personality, daughter Molly and her dog Owen. She is expecting her second baby in May.

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PAIGE HEMMIS – Paige may be an unlikely vision on a construction site, however she is an extremely accomplished and skilled designer, carpenter and homebuilder. Paige is self-taught and is rarely to be found without a tool of some kind in her purse.

This Wisconsin-born, California raised entrepreneur has accomplished many feats and has started many successful companies. During her undergraduate work at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Paige became a licensed Emergency Medical Technician and taught first aid and CPR to student population, and graduated with Bachelor's Degrees in both Theology and Psychology. In 1999, Paige formed "Simply Elegant Weddings" to help couples plan their special day. In 2001, she founded a real estate company that bought houses, renovated them and developed innovative rent-to-own solutions. In 2004, she sold both companies to pursue her career as co-host, carpenter and designer on the hit ABC television show, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. In 2004, Paige founded Tuff Chix, Inc., which provides performance work wear for women. In 2006, she released her first book, The Tuff Chix Guide to Easy Home Improvement, to inspire other women to tackle DIY projects with confidence.

Paige is currently featured as a Lifestyle Design Expert on Hallmark Channel's daily show, Home and Family. Paige and her business partner, Ameka, have recently launched an online community called The Soul Sisters. The Soul Sisters is a space for others to share in the power of friendship—to be cheered on and supported and to get daily advice from this duo. Paige and Ameka are the go-to girls for everything fun and feminine from home to healthy living, style, inspiration and how to explore the world.

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Paige is an extraordinary philanthropist and humanitarian. Both in her entertainment and real life, Mrs. Hemmis contributes an exceptional amount of time and lends her celebrity to supporting numerous worthwhile causes such as Habitat for Humanity, Helping a Hero, Heroes at Home, the Starkey Hearing Foundation, and several animal charities. An animal lover herself, she is an ambassador for Hallmark's pet project, and has five furry children at home...three cats and two dogs.

Paige is a licensed Real Estate Broker, and continues to design and build a variety of projects, while helping homeowners and business owners all over the world. She currently flips properties with her husband, Jason, and best friends, Scotty and Ameka, bringing her total renovation projects to over 42 personally, and over 200 on EM:HE. Now a regular cast member gracing TV screens on the daily Hallmark talk show Home & Family, you can catch her DIY projects, tips and advice every week.

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MARIA PROVENZANO - Maria is a lifestyle expert who loves inspiring others through crafting and unique recipes. She believes in all things homemade and hopes to encourage others to add a bit of creativity (and fun!) to every day.

As a new family member on Hallmark Channel's "Home & Family," Maria shares her love of homemade crafts, food, and DIY projects. As a mother, she also loves to inspire families to come together through crafting with kids.

Maria is also the creator of the site FromScratchwithMaria.com and has had recipes published in magazines including Taste of Home, Luxe Life Magazine, and Focus Magazine. She has also been featured on such sites as LaurenConrad.com, [Refinery 29](http://Refinery29.com), [CafeMoms](http://CafeMoms.com), and [Giada DeLaurentiis' Giada Weekly](http://GiadaDeLaurentiis.com).

A native of the Great Lakes State of Michigan, Maria graduated from Florida State University with a B.A. in Theatre and moved to Los Angeles after completing her degree. She is also a wife, mom to a happy, busy 4-year-old son (with baby brother soon to join!) and loves yoga, a great cup of coffee and spending time with her family

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ORLY SHANI - Orly Shani is a television host, fashion designer and DIY Queen! Orly was a fan favorite and finalist on the first season of NBC's "Fashion Star" and had designs commissioned for mass retail with both H&M and Saks Fifth Avenue. She was invited back to Season 2 of "Fashion Star" to host a 20-episode web series that appeared across NBC's digital properties and was branded and supported by Suave Professionals.

Orly and her designs have been featured in Rolling Stone, WWD, InStyle and New York Daily News, among other publications.

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She has appeared as a fashion expert on "The Today Show," "E! News," "Fashion Police," "Live From The Red Carpet," "The Doctors," "KTLA5" and many others. She hosted a series for the Clevver TV, a YouTube channel with nearly 2 million subscribers. She recently co-hosted E!'s "The Fabulist" (with Kristin Cavallari) and "Who Wore It Better" (with Catt Sadler) two fashion programs on the E! Network.

Only can be seen daily on Hallmark Channel's "Home & Family," where she hosts all their Fashion DIY segments along with her own YouTube show, *The DIY Designer*.

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KENNETH WINGARD – Ken has designed home furnishing merchandise for major retailers such as Crate & Barrel, Martha Stewart, Restoration Hardware, and Target. His designs have been featured in museum shops and appear in home decor magazines. He started his television career with making personal appearances on the Christopher Lowell Show and holiday specials for House & Garden Television.

Currently he's filming his fifth season as the lead on-camera designer for the Oprah Winfrey Network's Daytime Emmy winning Home Made Simple as well as his fourth season as a family member on Hallmark's Daytime Emmy Nominated Home & Family.

An architect, designer and entrepreneur, he formed his own company in 1997 to produce and market his designs and in 2003 became a retailer with his first boutique. You can find his eponymous flagship store on Market Street in San Francisco.

Mr. Wingard grew up in a military family and traveled the world, living in Europe and Asia during his childhood. Influenced by local historic architecture, he went to Princeton University to study architecture. After graduating, he traveled extensively for the next several years in Europe, Africa, and Asia studying art, sculpture, and architecture. It was during this time in countries such as Italy, India, and Thailand that he developed an appreciation for the skill of the local craftsmen and began to formulate combining those talents with his own design sense.

Mr. Wingard returned to the U.S. and began working for Williams-Sonoma. Eight years later he was the Divisional Director of Pottery Barn designing their assortment as well as being instrumental in the re-launch of the brand. He left Pottery Barn and within a year launched his first line of decorative accessories, which included brushed metal vases, bowls, and candlesticks. He later explored other materials such as wood, acrylic, and glass. He continues to work with his favorite materials, in a growing number of categories, including apparel and interior design projects from retail stores to vacation homes. Along the way, he has also been commissioned by clients such as W Hotels and Las Vegas casino owner Steve Wynn to design items for their distinctive properties.

Currently living in San Francisco with his husband and three children, he enjoys tending the family's farm, DIYing, changing diapers and picking up toys.

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LARISSA WOHL - Larissa Wohl is a dynamic journalist best known for her energetic and relatable personality. Currently she can be seen on Hallmark Channel's "Home & Family" as the resident pet rescue expert. Her years of dedication to working with shelter animals and fostering for dozens of rescue groups makes her the perfect addition to the 2-time Emmy Nominated show. She is thrilled to combine her background in news and her passion for animals to such a prominent platform to help educate and entertain viewers about animal related issues.

Prior to "Home & Family," Larissa worked as a morning traffic anchor and live field reporter for the NBC affiliate in Tucson, AZ. Larissa's journalistic skills and versatility made her the go-to reporter for everything from entertainment and community events to hard-hitting news disasters like the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

After working at KVOA, Larissa went to anchor and produce for the ABC affiliate in Bakersfield, CA and then became a freelance reporter and weather anchor for Fox 5 in San Diego, CA and the host and producer for the Scripps's produced show, "The List."

On "The List," Larissa's engaging and approachable personality helped shine a spotlight on San Diego's finest. From the latest restaurants to the hottest fitness studios to the traveling circus show, Larissa continuously immersed herself into to each of her stories to give viewers an "inside" look.

Larissa is elated to be back in her hometown of Los Angeles and lives with her various foster animals and her two rescue dogs, Muppet and Maple.

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LAWRENCE ZARIAN – Lawrence is one of the most sought after on-camera lifestyle & fashion experts in the television industry today with on-air experience of over 20 years, and author of the highly successful fashion Bible, "Lawrence Zarian's 10 Commandments for a Perfect Wardrobe." With the support and endorsements of top industry professionals in the TV and fashion world, his book not only breaks down how to maximize one's wardrobe and style potential but it also emphasizes the importance that true style originates with a happy and healthy mind, attitude and lifestyle.

From his celebrated red carpet coverage of the Academy Awards®, Screen Actors Guild Awards®, Primetime Emmy Awards®, and the Golden Globes®, Lawrence Zarian is a network television staple. In addition to hosting "Live from the Oscars," Tribune Broadcasting's syndicated Oscar Red Carpet show, originating from KTLA-TV in Los Angeles, and most recently serving as the 2017 Oscar fashion correspondent for LA's number one local morning show, the KTLA Morning News, for the past six years Zarian has served as ABC's 'Fashion Guy' bringing to national audiences his expert breakdown of every celebrity red carpet for "Live with Kelly and Ryan" and ABC's "On The Red Carpet."

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Lawrence Zarian's extensive on-air fashion and lifestyle expertise doesn't stop at award season coverage. As a consistent family member of "Live With Kelly and Ryan" for over 15 years, he has also joined the teams of Steve Harvey, Rachael Ray, Home & Family, and Extra TV not only sharing and celebrating the hottest trends of the season but also interpreting Hollywood's most expensive looks into affordable styles for everyone. Working with top brands such as Samsung, TMobile, John Varvatos, Hugo Boss, American Eagle and Ryan Seacrest Distinction Collection to name a few, Lawrence Zarian is a go-to resource for on-air and digital brand integrations and product placement for fashion and gift giving segments. With energy and sharp insight, he is at home in every situation; from the award season red carpet, to hosting his own show, to even making over a family of five from Ohio.

Zarian also conducts standing-room-only seminars throughout the country and hosts in-store shopping events nationally for international retailers such as Macys, Bloomingdales and JC Penney.

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