



MEET THE SEASON EIGHT 'HGTV STAR' HOST AND PANELISTS

David Bromstad

HGTV Star

David Bromstad, the season one winner of *HGTV Design Star* and the finalists' mentor and host for this season's *HGTV Star*, is known for his endless energy and out-of-the-box thinking. Earnest, passionate, talented and innovative, David creates awe-inspiring works on many platforms, including custom art, furniture building and interior design. David says he "blends styles that incorporate realism and fantasy."

In his HGTV show, *Color Splash*, he combines his love of color and practical advice to show viewers how to transform tired rooms into unique, vibrant spaces. In addition, David serves as host for HGTV's *The White Room Challenge* where designers from around the country compete to create the most original, eccentric and outrageous white rooms.

David also has appeared on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *Wendy Williams* and *Ricki Lake*.

Genevieve Gorder

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HGTV Star panelist Genevieve Gorder's unmistakable style and enthusiasm have made her one of America's favorite interior designers. Finding inspiration and beauty in everyday life, Genevieve applies her soulful and whimsical style to transform the interiors of homes around the world and on her HGTV series, *Dear Genevieve*.

After graduating from the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, Genevieve traveled the world to do freelance work for design studios in Amsterdam and Barcelona. She also worked for the award-winning Duffy Design studio in New York City. Genevieve believes that "designing a room comes down to finding out what gives you joy and I'm there to help make yours visible."

Genevieve's work has been featured in many major publications and she has appeared numerous times on the *Today* show, *The View*, *Entertainment Tonight* and CNN. She also has been recognized for her design and television work, including multiple awards for interiors, products and branding, as well as accolades for her contributions on an Emmy-nominated design series.

At home, Genevieve runs her own interior design, product design and production companies. In 2011, she launched a rugs line with Capel Rugs that is currently sold nationwide.

Genevieve resides in Manhattan with her daughter.

Sabrina Soto

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Sabrina Soto, the popular host of *The High Low Project* and new to this season's expert panel on *HGTV Star*, is a renowned interior designer, consultant and entrepreneur. The first of her Cuban family born in the United States, Sabrina learned the ropes of home decor from her mother, who ran a decorating and home-staging business. As a result, Sabrina developed a love for design and today is known for her inventive approach and savvy DIY style.

Sabrina also has appeared on several HGTV shows, including *White House Christmas*, *Get It Sold*, *Real Estate Intervention*, *HGTV Green Home* and *HGTV Showdown*. Sabrina also has been featured in *Elle Decor*, *People*, *People En Espanol*, *Time Magazine*, *InStyle*, *Esquire*, *Parade*, *Variety*, *Latina*, *USA Today*, *The New York Post*, and has contributed to the *Today* show, the *Rachael Ray Show* and *The Nate Berkus Show*, among many others.

In addition to her television experience, Sabrina is a licensed real estate agent who is LEED accredited - one of only a few thousand accredited interior designers worldwide. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

As Target's Style Expert for Home, Sabrina embodies her design philosophy of affordable luxury and brings high-end design sensibilities to room transformations. With each makeover project, she shows homeowners how easy it can be to achieve a polished home aesthetic.

Currently living in New York, Sabrina tirelessly juggles designing, taping her HGTV shows and treating friends and family to her second passion, cooking.

Vern Yip

HGTV Star

Vern Yip, design panelist on *HGTV Star*, is an award-winning interior designer who gained national acclaim for his expertise in transforming homes, restaurants, and other commercial spaces in his private design practice and on primetime television.

Vern runs his own design company in Atlanta, Vern Yip Designs, and vernyip.com, where design tips are dispensed with consumer value in mind. With a Bachelor of Arts in economics from The University of Virginia, a Master of Science degree in management and a master's degree in architecture from The Georgia Institute of Technology, Vern used his varied educational background to build a distinguished business. His current projects include everything from budget-oriented restaurant transformations, eight-figure projects for high-end clients, high-profile event design, and design of home décor products and furniture. His eclectic style is influenced from his world travels which include 42 countries in the past five years.

Vern, who describes himself as a classic overachiever, has garnered an impressive list of design awards, such as the 2003 Distinguished Southerner Award from *Southern Living* magazine, 2000 Southeast Designer of the Year, 1999 Best New Restaurant for Fusebox restaurant in Atlanta. In addition, he has been prominently featured in various publications such as *Entertainment Weekly*, *The New York Times* and *USA Today*. He is frequently seen on such television shows as *Today*, *The Early Show*, *Oprah*, CNN and *Live! With Regis and Kelly* and has a monthly column for *The Washington Post* where he writes about the most dynamic topics in the worlds of travel and design.

Vern continues to be involved in nonprofit efforts and works closely with The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, where he established the Vera Yip Memorial Scholarship in honor of his mother. He is also going into his fourth year as a Global Ambassador for UNICEF, where he helps raise awareness of the needs of children around the world.