



MARIO LOPEZ

BIOGRAPHY

A man of many trades, Mario Lopez has the overwhelming desire to always keep active. He is the single host of the nationally syndicated daily show **EXTRA**. Concurrently, Lopez continues his hosting duties on MTV highly rated program, **America's Best Dance Crew**. His new series **H8R**, which he is an Executive Producer and host, brings people face-to-face with the celebrities they claim to hate in an effort to change their minds. The show will premiere Wednesday, September 14th at 8pm on CW. Not only does Lopez have a proclivity for the entertainment industry, he is also an avid sports fan. He has taken his love for sports, specifically boxing, to the next level as a recurring commentator on **HBO Boxing**.

Lopez is a New York Times bestselling author for his healthy eating guide **Extra Lean**. In May 2011, he released the follow up to *Extra Lean* entitled **Extra Lean Family**. This new book featured recipes and tips that are beneficial to the entire family. Additionally, Lopez penned **Mario Lopez's Knockout Fitness** a bestselling fitness book that offers readers a look into his impressive workout regime, and **Mud Tacos**, a vibrant children's' book he co-authored with his sister Marissa. As a follow up to *Mud Tacos*, on September 14, 2011 Lopez will release **Mario & Baby Gia**, a children's book he wrote for his daughter, Gia.

No stranger to rigorous routines, Lopez danced his way to the finals in the third season of ABC's hit show **Dancing with the Stars**. Shortly after, in summer 2009, Lopez successfully completed his first run on Broadway. He starred in the long running hit musical **A Chorus Line** as the audience loved character 'Zach.'

Mario was named the Alumni Ambassador of Fitness by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), while joining the ranks of some 25 other prominent alumni, including Denzel Washington and President Clinton, in the organization's BE GREAT campaign. Mario will help bring to light the major issues affecting today's young people, including the importance of graduating from high school and maintaining a healthy lifestyle and the key role community-based organizations like Boys & Girls Clubs play in the positive development of children.

A popular guest on the talk show circuit, Mario can regularly be seen on programs such as The Ellen DeGeneres Show, Lopez Tonight with George Lopez, and a slew of other nationally syndicated shows. Mario is also often called upon to co-host some of the nation's most venerable morning shows including The Today Show, Good Morning America, and Regis & Kelly.

Even with all his other ventures, Mario is still in love with acting. Lopez reincarnated his guest starring role as Dr. Mike Hamoui on the final season of F/X network's popular show **Nip/Tuck**. Lopez's run on the series garnished an instant and well deserved cult following. He previously starred in the highest rated program in ABC Family history, ***Holiday in Handcuffs***. He also starred opposite Mark Consuelos in the made for TV movie ***Husband for Hire***, which was the most watched program ever on the Oxygen Network.

Mario currently resides in Los Angeles with his longtime girlfriend Courtney Mazza and their daughter, Gia. The family was seen on the docu-series titled ***Mario Lopez: Saved by the Baby*** which recently wrapped its first season on VH1.

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