



## **'HGTV DESIGN STAR' RETURNS WITH HOST DAVID BROMSTAD AND CELEBRITY JUDGES EYEING THE NETWORK'S NEXT STAR**

New York, N.Y. [For Immediate Release—May 1, 2012] Celebrity judges, showbiz-inspired design challenges and an impressive exhibition of creativity await viewers of the returning *HGTV Design Star*. Premiering on **Tuesday, May 29, at 9 p.m. ET/PT**, the series' seventh season highlights talented interior designers, stylists and artists as they compete to win their own HGTV show. **David Bromstad**, the network's charismatic and original winner of the popular reality competition, is back for a second season as mentor—this time also assuming the host role. Each week, HGTV designers **Genevieve Gorder** and **Vern Yip** are joined by special guest judges including Kardashian mom **Kris Jenner**; entrepreneur and TV personality **Daisy Fuentes**; *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* star and Emmy award-winning actress **Marg Helgenberger**; *Entertainment Tonight* host **Mark Steines**; and multi-platinum recording artist and home remodeling expert, DIY Network's **Vanilla Ice**. The series also features appearances by other HGTV hosts, including **Sabrina Soto** (*The High Low Project*), **John Colaneri** and **Anthony Carrino** (*Kitchen Cousins*), and reigning HGTV Design Star, **Meg Caswell** (*Great Rooms*).

The 12 competitors, who must create inventive designs and display their star quality on-camera to avoid elimination, include: Jordan Cappella, Venice, Calif.; Danielle Colding, Queens, N.Y.; Bex Hale, Abilene, Texas; Rachel Kate, Minneapolis, Minn.; Miera Melba, Delray Beach, Fla.; Yuki Northington, Bay St. Louis, Miss.; Luca Paganico, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Stanley Palmieri, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Britany Simon, Phoenix, Ariz.; Kris Swift, Austin, Texas; Mikel Welch, New York City, N.Y.; and Hilari Younger, Dallas, Texas.

"Our finalists had an amazing opportunity to work with powerhouse stars and create some of the most stunning designs we've seen in the history of *HGTV Design Star*," said Yip.

"The designers know this is huge—and they deliver results that are worthy of the series' passionate fans and celebrity guests," adds Gorder.

Shot on location in Los Angeles, the series follows the finalists as they tackle dazzling design challenges such as transforming a chiropractor's office into the new Jenner Communications headquarters for the Kardashian clan and creating a Tinsel town-themed lounge for the 125th Anniversary of Hollywood. With guidance and advice from Bromstad, they test their on-camera skills in hosting challenges, such as an appearance on CBS' nationally syndicated show *The Talk* with Julie Chen and Aisha Tyler.

Beginning Tuesday, May 1, visitors to [HGTV.com](http://HGTV.com) can extend their *HGTV Design Star* experience online. Fans will find bios for finalists and judges, photo galleries and full episodes of past seasons. Immediately following the premiere episode, visitors can watch vlog posts by previous *HGTV Design Star* winners, including Meg Caswell and David Bromstad.

## **About HGTV**

America's leading home and lifestyle brand, HGTV features a top-rated cable network that is distributed to more than 99 million U.S. households and the HGTV website, [HGTV.com](http://HGTV.com), the nation's leading online home-and-garden destination that attracts an average of four million unique visitors per month. The brand also includes the HGTV HOME consumer products line which showcases exclusive collections of paint, flooring, soft goods and other home-oriented products, as well as HGTV Magazine, a new home and lifestyle publication published in partnership with Hearst Magazines.

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