

Tony Potts
Television Personality

Tony Potts is an American television host icon and has over a decade worth of experiences. Recently retiring from his position as the weekend television host for *Access Hollywood* on NBC (a position he held from April 1999 to February 2011), Potts continues to foster the future of broadcast journalism through mentorships and community outreach.

Potts moved from New York City to Los Angeles in late 1997 after signing a one-year, talk-show development deal with ABC/Buena Vista Television. The subsequent pilot was not picked up and he began looking for other opportunities. Potts went on to sign a development deal with Paramount Television in 1998 to be a correspondent and fill-in host on *Entertainment Tonight* before leaving to join *Access Hollywood*.

In the mid-1990's, Potts was a host on Fox Television's groundbreaking morning show *Good Day New York*. At the time, *Good Day New York* was the number one morning show in New York City. During Potts time in New York, he appeared in the Mel Gibson film *Ransom*. He also appeared on the season-two finale of *CSI: Miami* as well as in multiple episodes of the FX series *Dirt*.

Other shows he has appeared on include: *Today*, *Larry King Live*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *Inside Fear Factor Live*, *The Contender*, *Battle of the Network Stars*, and the documentaries *Shownieuws* and *Infamy*. Most recently he has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

All of Potts hard work has not gone unnoticed. He has won an Emmy Award for feature reporting, two Associated Press Awards and one Society of Professional Journalists Award. On the side, Potts participated in the 2007 and the 2008 NBA Celebrity All-Star Game, and was named the Most Valuable Player of the event in 2007.

Also involved in charitable endeavors, Potts is proud to be the national spokesperson for the Michael Hoefflin Foundation for Children's Cancer. The Foundation Executive Director, Scott Schauer, had this to say about Potts, "Tony has been such an amazing friend to the Foundation. He is enthusiastic, always available to help, and we appreciate his desire and willingness to increase his involvement and help us expand our reach and influence."

Potts graduated from California State University at Humboldt with a B.A. in journalism and editorial writing. His July 2010 marriage to television personality Shalini Vadhera was featured in *Life & Style Magazine*.