

## CHRIS BASHINELLI- BIO

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Chris Bashinelli, also known as, "Bash", was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. After a decade long acting career including an appearance on the HBO hit television show- ***The Sopranos***, Bash decided to follow his real passion- using media to build bridges between cultures. At 20 years old he traveled to Tanzania to make his first documentary. He now traverses the globe from Uganda to Haiti, as Host of *Bridge the Gap*, a new television series featured on PBS and the National Geographic Channel, where he discovers what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes.

Bash has spoken around the world- from TEDx, to Abu Dhabi, to Azerbaijan- at multi-million dollar corporations, Ivy League Universities, and in the United Nations General Assembly Hall. He has shared the stage with Stevie Wonder, Dr. Jane Goodall and the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon.

He has harvested buffalo with Native Americans in Pine Ridge, lived as a nomad in Mongolia, and Sumo Wrestled heaviest Japanese human being in recorded history. He is a Moderator for the United Nations, an Eagle Scout, a National Geographic Explorer, and has interviewed some of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People on the Planet.