



NOMINATION FORM

For
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In The
U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

Candidate's Name: **Peter Graves**

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Is the candidate still living? **Living**

Nominator information:

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For what category are you nominating this candidate?

Snowsports Builder: **Yes**

An 8 x 10 photograph of the candidate must be supplied:



statement to 250 words)

Peter Graves is an American television sportscaster and public address announcer specializing in Olympic, lifestyle and action sports. Known as the “Voice” for many sports, including 9 Olympic Games. Peter’s work has earned him an outstanding reputation in the skiing world. He has earned and deserves to be elected to the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

He began his broadcast career as news director of KIUP Radio in Durango and a Colorado reporter for KOAT-TV in Albuquerque. His career as a stadium sports announcer began at international cross-country ski races at Telemark Resort in northern Wisconsin in 1977. He went on to become synonymous as the voice of Nordic skiing at U.S. World Cup events and the international American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race from 1977 to 1985.

In 1980 he was the expert commentator with ABC's Bill Fleming for cross-country skiing and biathlon at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid. In addition to working with ABC Sports and ESPN for the 1980, 1984 and 1988 Olympic Winter Games, he worked as a stadium announcer and producer. In other Winter Olympic games Peter worked at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, he was an associate producer in the SLOC sport production department. He also served as the stadium announcer for the opening and closing ceremonies for both the Olympics and Paralympics in Salt Lake City, as well as stadium announcer for cross-country skiing and ski jumping. During the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver he was the host Nordic announcer calling cross country skiing and ski jumping; he followed that up by serving as PA announcer at alpine skiing, jumping and at medals plaza at Sochi 2014. In 2018, Graves served as Alpine host announcer at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

During 1981 Peter was U.S. Ski Team XC Ski Coach and Nordic Development Director. He was the primary television announcer for the U. S. Ski Team from 1986 to 1990. He also was the OLN TV Sports TV Commentator & Field Producer, Worldwide coverage of skiing and mountain biking.

Since 1997 Peter continues as an active stadium announcer at domestic World Cup ski events including the FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup at Beaver Creek and Aspen, Colorado and the American Ski Classic at Vail, Colorado, and World Championship races.

In 2010 Graves was awarded the USSA's John Clair Award for lifetime service to the United States Ski and Snowboard Association, and in 2016 Graves was awarded the FIS Ski Journalist of the Year.

In chronological order by year, list the candidate's achievements:

Peter Graves (born May 16, 1952, in Bennington, Vermont) is an American television sportscaster and public address announcer specializing in Olympic, lifestyle and action sports.

Peter grew up in the hills of Bennington, Vermont and joined the high school ski team at Mt. Anthony Union H.S. under the direction of legendary coach Bucky Broomhall, and in his senior year was coached by Norwegian Birger Vigsnes. Peter in his senior year made the 1977 USEASA Jr. National Team.

Following high school, and still hooked in Nordic skiing, he traveled to Durango, Colorado and enrolled at Fort Lewis College. While there his coach was two time US Olympic Nordic combined coach Dolph Kuss. While there Peter was a four year member of the varsity ski team. He graduated in 1975.

He began his broadcast career as news director of KIUP Radio in Durango and a Colorado reporter for KOAT-TV in Albuquerque.

He worked from 1976 to 1981 as marketing director for a Norwegian cross-country ski importer, NorTur, Inc. in Minneapolis.

His career as a stadium sports announcer began at international cross-country ski races at Telemark Resort in northern Wisconsin in 1977.

He went on to become synonymous as the voice of Nordic skiing at U.S. World Cup events and the international American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race from 1977 to 1985.

1977-1981, NorTur, Inc., Director of Marketing, Minneapolis, Mn.

In 1980 he was the expert commentator with ABC's Bill Fleming for cross-country skiing and biathlon at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid.

1980-1985, Co-Owner and Ski Tour Operator of Worldwide Nordic, Inc.

In addition to working with ABC Sports and ESPN for the 1980, 1984 and 1988 Olympic Winter Games, he worked as a stadium announcer and producer.

He began as one of ESPN's early skiing commentators in 1981. He worked as an expert commentator for ESPN's SportsCenter for the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Winter Games.

1981, U.S. Ski Team XC Ski Coach and Nordic Development Director.

He is a former VeloNews 'Announcer of the Year' award winner.

Nordic editor "Ski Racing" and "Ski Trax" magazines.

He was the primary television announcer for the U.S. Ski Team from 1986 to 1990.

1988-1994, Director of Cross-Country for Special Olympics International.

1994, Director of Cross-Country Skiing, SOI World Winter games, Austria.

1995-2005 OLN TV Sports TV Commentator & Field Producer, Worldwide coverage of skiing and mountain biking.

1997 to present, Graves continues as an active stadium announcer at international mountain bike events and domestic World Cup ski events including the FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup at Beaver Creek, Colorado and the American Ski Classic at Vail, Colorado.

At the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, he was an associate producer in the SLOC sport production department. He also served as the stadium announcer for the opening and closing ceremonies for both the Olympics and Paralympics in Salt Lake City, as well as stadium announcer for cross-country skiing and ski jumping.

Peter was Harvard University Head Nordic Ski Coach 2002-2008.

Graves was the Nordic host announcer for cross-country, ski jumping and Nordic combined competition at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, and served as Host Announcer for the Paralympics Alpine skiing competition at Whistler Creekside in 2010. He followed that up by serving as PA announcer at alpine skiing, jumping and at medals plaza at Sochi 2014.

In 2010 Graves was awarded the USSA's John Clair Award for lifetime service to the United States Ski and Snowboard Association.

In 2011 he was part of the announcer team for cross-country, Nordic combined and ski jumping at the 2011 FIS World Nordic Skiing Championships in Oslo, Norway. Also in 2011 he was announcer for the Arab Games in Qatar.

That same winter, he was the host announcer for IBU Biathlon World Cups at Presque Isle and Fort Kent, Maine.

Graves worked three different venues as an announcer at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia: alpine skiing, Nordic combined and at Medals Plaza.

In 2016 Graves was awarded the FIS Ski Journalist of the Year.

2016 Lead Voice, Ski Tour Canada FIS Cross-Country World Cup Tour.

In February 2017 Graves traveled to Pyeongchang, Korea, to serve as lead announcer for the FIS Alpine women's World Cup, a test event prior to the 2018 Winter Olympics.

At the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in South Korea, Graves served as host public address announcer for alpine ski racing and then traveled to Are, Sweden to announce at the FIS Alpine World Cup Finals.

In 2019 Graves served as a co-public address announcer at the FIS Alpine World Championships in Are, Sweden and then hosted webcasting coverage of the 2019 NCAA Collegiate Skiing Championships from Stowe, Vermont.

The Vermont native also served as a commentator at the FIS Ski Tour Canada, which was also web streamed on CBC TV, and has broadcast the FIS Cross-country world cup finals in Quebec City.

Former FIS Technical Delegate, cross-Country skiing.

Host announcer for many years at American Birkebeiner, Telemark, Wisconsin

Peter is owner of Graves Sports Worldwide, Announcing Services.

Former spokesperson and Public Relations & Communications Director, USA Ski Jump Team.

On one page provide additional data, anecdotes, etc. that you feel are pertinent to this nomination

Graves also gained notoriety as the stadium announcer for the Lumberjack World Championships in Hayward, Wisconsin, which was televised by ABC's *Wide World of Sports*.

He has been the finish line announcer for Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minnesota since 1978 and is a member of their Hall of Fame.

Graves was one of the early stadium announcers for mountain biking beginning with the New England Mountain Bike Championships at Mount Snow, Vermont in 1988.

During the 1990s, he was a regular expert commentator and host for coverage of domestic and international mountain bike competition on ESPN, OLN, TSN (Canada), and EuroSport (Europe).

He was one of the announcers for the first UCI World Mountain Championships in 1991 in Durango, Colorado.

He has been the stadium announcer for nearly every World Mountain Bike Championship from 1991-2007

He worked as the stadium announcer for the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney for mountain biking

He was the English-language announcer for all cycling events at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

2016 Graves was among the announce team for road cycling at the Rio Olympic Games and taught announce team work shops.

In July and August 2019, Graves served as venue host announcer for triathlon, canoe kayak, in-line skating, mountain bike for the 2019 Pan-American Games in Lima, Peru and followed up with the 2019 Para Pan-American Games announcing both judo and road and track cycling.

More recently Graves served as TV Host for SportsNet and NESN's coverage of the Quebec Grand Prix Cycling events in Quebec City and Montreal.

Please list the names and addresses of those people who are supporting this nomination

1. **John Caldwell** caldxski@sover.net John Caldwell long consider the "father of American cross country skiing. A Dartmouth ski team member and graduate, he was a member of the 1952 USA Olympic team for the Games in Oslo. He went on to become a long time coach at both the Putney School and for the US Ski Team. His seminal book; the Cross Country Ski Book is often cited as the Bible of the sport.
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