

ROBIN WINDSOR

Robin's dance genesis was initiated by his parents when at the age of three they enrolled him in a local dance school in Ipswich, a non-metropolitan district and the county town of Suffolk, England. From the very beginning, Robin studied both Ballroom and Latin dance eventually competing in those disciplines at the highest levels. His skills eventually led him to represent England, amassing numerous Championship titles, both on the domestic and international level.

In 2000 Robin was cast in the immensely popular and critically acclaimed dance company Burn the Floor. He continued his remarkable career with Burn the Floor for nine years which included two world tours (2003/2004). The Company developed a new show, *FloorPlay* where he enjoyed a leading role as well as another world tour (2006-08). Burn the Floor's *FloorPlay* eventually took Robin to appear on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre in 2009 enjoying two show extensions. No small feat since Burn the Floor's *FloorPlay* was the first and only Ballroom performance to appear on Broadway.



From Broadway Robin's abilities took him to *Dancing with the Stars Australia* and *So You Think You Can Dance* in Holland. In addition to every stage performer's dream to perform on Broadway, Robin is one of the very few who can also claim his appearance on London's West End in the very same year. He was also asked to assist in the choreography for the Australian version of *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Having performed for many celebrities including Neil Diamond and Alice Cooper, his abilities vaulted him once again to the challenge of joining the popular BBC show *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2010. Robin joined as one of the three new male professional dancers alongside Artem Chigvintsev and Jared Murillo. For his first year Robin was partnered with actress Patsy Kensit.

In 2011 Robin enjoyed his second year of *Strictly Come Dancing* this time paired with *EastEnders* legend Anita Dobson. Matching his first year success, Robin was eliminated with Anita during the ninth week of the competition.

Robin also competed in 2011's *Children in Need Special* with *BBC Breakfast* presenter Susanna Reid and successfully won the competition, lifting the coveted Giltterball trophy!

At the beginning of 2012 Robin completed his second *Strictly Live Tour* before hitting the road for *Dance To The Music* with the Strictly band, Kristina Rihanoff, Artem Chigvintsev and Kara Tointon. Robin had massive success in the 2012 series of *Strictly Come Dancing* with actress Lisa Riley. The pair became the people's favourite and they took part in the *Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour* in 2013.

2013 saw Robin return to Burn The Floor alongside Kristina Rihanoff and fellow Strictly professional Karen Hauer. Later that year, Robin was delighted to be paired on *Strictly* with Deborah Meaden from the hugely successful *Dragons Den*. The pair had the surprise exit of the competition in Week 5, but they went on to compete in the *Strictly Come Dancing* live tour. That December Robin took to the *Strictly* ballroom once again to participate in the Christmas Special. His lucky partner on this occasion was Radio 1 DJ Sara Cox, who performed a beautiful waltz.

In 2014, Robin sadly had to withdraw from *Strictly* due to a serious back injury, but was soon back on our screens participating in group numbers for the show. Whilst in recovery Robin became the Daily Mirror's *Strictly* columnist and BBC radio correspondent. He was reunited with Lisa Riley for the *Strictly Christmas Special*, where they had great success with their *Wizard of Oz* themed jive.

Robin kicked off 2015 with a bang in *The People's Strictly for Comic Relief*, partnering Anna Kennedy OBE. The pair were a smash hit with both audiences and the judges, who gave their Charleston a perfect 40! Summer 2015 saw Robin starring in the national tour of *Puttin' On The Ritz* alongside Kristina Rihanoff, and he continued the tour in Autumn with Anya Garnis, also from *Strictly*. Robin is a regular reporter and co-presenter on *It Takes Two*, and lit up our screens in 2015's *Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special* with the wonderful Alison Hammond.

Robin is currently touring the UK with his new dance show KEEP DANCING