



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Artem Chigvintsev**

Professional Dancer, "Dancing with the Stars"

Artem Chigvintsev was born in the military town of Izhevsk in the former Soviet Union, where he often skied cross country to school across the harsh Russian landscape. At 13, Chigvintsev discovered his passion for dance when his parents enrolled him in classes at the local dance academy. He quickly displayed prodigious talent and knew that in order to fulfill his potential he needed to leave Izhevsk for greener pastures. First in Moscow, then in Germany and England, Chigvintsev honed his craft until he earned a spot in 2010 as a professional dancer on the U.K. smash hit *Strictly Come Dancing*, which he won with celebrity partner Kara Tointon. After four successful seasons on the show, he jumped at an offer from the producers of *Dancing with the Stars* to come to Los Angeles in 2014 and begin his new journey in the U.S. He has been paired with a series of buzzworthy partners on DWTS, including Lea Thompson, Patti LaBelle, Mischa Barton, Maureen McCormick, Nancy Kerrigan, three-time Paralympic medalist Danelle Umstead, and most recently, actress Melora Hardin (*The Office*). Artem is the season 29 *Mirrorball* winner with partner Kaitlyn Bristowe (*The Bachelorette*) as well as an Emmy nominee for his choreography on the show.