



BIOGRAPHY

Emma Slater

Professional Dancer, "Dancing with the Stars"

Originally from Tamworth, a medieval town in the center of England, Emma Slater began dancing at the age of 5. By 10, she had been introduced to Latin and ballroom dance, and started to compete shortly thereafter. Now, with an impressive list of professional credits, she is a professional dancer on ABC's smash competition series, "Dancing with the Stars."

Early in her career, Slater was featured in George Michael's music video for "Round Here," as well as popular fitness program "Latinasize with Lilia." In 2005 at just 16 years old, she toured the United Kingdom (including London's West End), the United Arab Emirates and South Africa with the renowned production "Simply Ballroom." Later that year, she and her partner won the 2005 British Under 21 Latin American Championship in Blackpool, England. Now representing England at all levels and ranked in the world's Top 20, Slater followed this success by winning the 2006 United Kingdom Under 21 Latin American Championships in Bournemouth, England, and by appearing on "Strictly Come Dancing: South Africa."

In 2007, Slater was featured in Universal Pictures' big screen adaptation of the hit stage musical "Mamma Mia!," directed by Phyllida Lloyd and starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth. She can also be heard on the film's GRAMMY®-winning soundtrack.

Slater joined the cast of "Dirty Dancing" at the Aldwych Theatre in London's West End, directed by James Powell. Not only was she a featured Latin dancer, she understudied and performed the principal role of Lisa "Baby" Houseman.

Slater continued her stay in London's West End with the shows "Cheek to Cheek" at The Coliseum and "Latin Fever" at The Peacock Theatre. In 2009, she joined "Burn the Floor" for its tour of China and soon after starred in the show's Broadway incarnation at the Long Acre Theatre. Next, Slater appeared on ITV1's "Popstars to Operastars" multiple times, becoming the program's ballroom advisor before touring the world with "Burn the Floor" (including stops in Australia, Japan, South Korea, Canada, New Zealand, the United States of America, Belgium and Holland).