



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Valentin Chmerkovskiy**

Professional Dancer, “Dancing with the Stars”

Valentin Chmerkovskiy joined the cast of professional dancers on “Dancing with the Stars” in 2011. The 14-time U.S. National Champion and two-time World Dance Champion quickly rose to stardom, becoming one of the show’s fan favorites for impeccable performances that showcased not only immense talent and creativity but an undeniable charisma to match.

Since his TV debut, the Ukrainian-born dance champion continues to steal the hearts of fans – both on and off the dance floor. Chmerkovskiy has expanded upon his talents as a dancer, choreographer and instructor to create an empire that inspires others through the art of dance. He co-founded Dance with Me Studios, one of the nation’s leading Latin and ballroom dance studios, where he also lends his expertise as the venue’s art director. The success of the first studio ignited a passion for teaching his craft, leading him to pursue his latest endeavour, Dance with Me Juniors, a program he proudly designed to keep kids healthy, focused and active. Chmerkovskiy is also a classically trained violinist, having performed in Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center as a concertmaster of the ISO Youth Orchestra.

On season 25 of “Dancing with the Stars,” Chmerkovskiy was partnered with former Paralympic swimmer Victoria Arlen. During his 13-season tenure on the show, he’s been partnered with singer Normani Kordei, television personality Ginger Zee and Olympic gymnast Laurie Hernandez with whom he won his second Mirrorball trophy.