



## BIOGRAPHY

Derek Hough

"Zack"

In "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" season two, Derek Hough plays "Zack," a charming yet edgy former high school heartthrob who, after a successful acting career in New York City, returns to Salt Lake to teach drama at East High's biggest rival, North High.

The Emmy Award winning, New York Times Best-Selling author and "World of Dance" judge started dancing in his hometown of Salt Lake City, UT, at age 11. In 2020, Hough joined the hit ABC series "Dancing with the Stars" as part of the judging panel alongside Carrie Ann Inaba and Bruno Toniolo for the show's 29th season. A multi-talented entertainer and the only six-time champion in franchise, Hough had previously performed on the show as a pro-dancer. Hough was best known for his innovation and daring choreography on the show, which to date has garnered him two-time Emmy Award wins and nine Emmy nominations for Best Choreography. In May of 2017, Hough joined Jennifer Lopez and Ne-Yo at the judges table for the NBC series "World of Dance." The show, which he was part of for 4 seasons, launched as the highest rated summer show in over ten years.

Hough has also appeared in film, television and stage projects as an actor including "Make Your Move," "Nashville," "Radio City Music Hall's Spring Spectacular" and "Hairspray Live!" His memoir "Taking the Lead; Lessons from a Life in Motion" hit stands in August of 2014 and rapidly was named to the prestigious New York Times Best-Seller list during two non-consecutive time periods.

In 2014 and 2015, Hough and his sister Julianne teamed for a live stage dance concert MOVE Live on Tour, and in 2019, Hough completed his first solo national tour, Derek Hough Live: The Tour. Hough will begin his highly anticipated residency at Caesars Entertainment at the Flamingo Las Vegas this year.

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