



COOK LIKE A STAR



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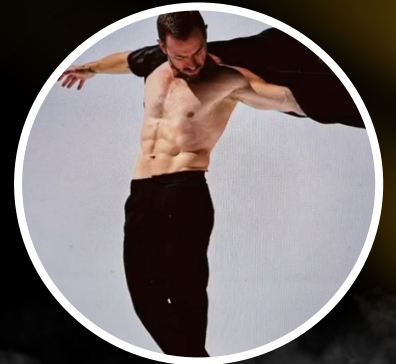
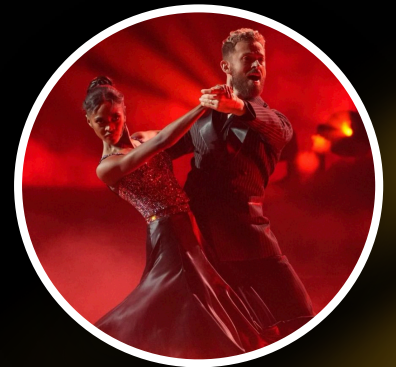
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PROFESSIONAL DANCER

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TALENT: DANCE

ABOUT

- Artem was born in the former Soviet Union. He inherited his love of dance from his mother, taking dance classes from a young age. Winning numerous dance competitions in Russia, he moved away at 15 to gain more training in Germany, Italy and England.
- He moved to the US in 2003 and began dancing with champion ballroom dancer, Giselle Peacock. He soon auditioned to appear as a contestant on the first series of *So You Think You Can Dance*. He was eliminated, but returned as a choreographer for season two. He joined the *Strictly Come Dancing* series in 2010 and was a dancer on the show for four seasons.
- In 2018, Artem joined the 18th season of *Dancing With The Stars* as a member of the dance troupe (and became a professional dancer starting with the 19th season). On the show, Artem has paired up with the likes of Lea Thompson, Patti LaBelle, Mischa Barton, Nancy Kerrigan, and several others. He has now been dancing on the show for 13 seasons and counting.
- Aside from dancing, cooking is one of Artem's main passions. He cooks a wide range of cuisines, but has a special affinity for Russian food (dumplings, soups, stews, etc.). He is also a skilled baker. As a dancer, he's all about movement — and Artem feels strongly about the correlation between movement and cooking in the kitchen. Whether it's chopping veggies, moving plates, flipping something in the pan or the actual plating itself, ensuring fluid movement while cooking is of the utmost important to Artem. From prep to cooking to presentation, it's all an intricate dance.



Casting Note: He is a professional dancer on *Dancing With The Stars*. He has several TV appearances under his belt.