

## **Dancing With The Stars Season Six Premiere**

Break out your dancing shoes and start popping the popcorn! It's that time again as Season Six of *Dancing With The Stars* premieres on **Monday, March 17, at 8:00 PM EST on ABC.**

So which contestants will surprise us this year with their dancing prowess? Will it be NFL star Jason Taylor, and his smokin' hot professional partner, Edyta Sliwinska? Or has sexy Karina Smirnoff found another Super Mario in her new celebrity partner, Mario of R&B music fame? Is Julianne Hough destined to three-peat with comedian and radio host Adam Carolla? Or could it be Cheryl Burke who'll take home a third dazzling disco ball now that she's dancing with international film and television star Cristián de la Fuente?

After last fall's most dramatic season to date, it's anyone's guess who will prevail as the new cast takes the stage. The first six teams will compete on Monday night, with the rest of the pairs to debut their dance moves on **Tuesday, March 18, at 9:00 EST.** All twelve couples will dance again on **Monday, March 24 (8:00-10:00 p.m., ET),** and then for the first time in the show's history, not one but *two* couples will be eliminated during this season's first results show on **Tuesday, March 25 (9:00-10:00 p.m., ET).**

Not sure who to root for? Here's the latest group of contestants. Pick your favorites, and then see who lives up (or down) to your expectations!

**Adam Carolla & Julianne Hough** - Comedian Adam Carolla, host of the national radio show, *The Adam Carolla Show*, strives to outshine Tucker Carlson and Kenny Maine in the comic relief category. Can Julianne convert another amateur into a showstopping champion? You never know! If anyone can do it, two-time winner Julianne can! Good luck, Julianne!

**Cristián de la Fuente & Cheryl Burke** - Latin heartthrob Cristián de la Fuente (*Family Law*, *CSI: Miami*) learns from the master as two-time champion Cheryl Burke returns for her fifth season. Cristián's hoping his Chilean blood will help him bring some Latin heat to the competition. We can't wait to see him try!

**Shannon Elizabeth & Derek Hough** - Derek and his magical choreography return to the ballroom along with his new partner, *American Pie*'s leggy stunner Shannon Elizabeth. Last season, Derek had to help Beverly Hills 90210 star Jennie Garth relax in front of the judges and come out of her shell. But it could be a different story this time - Shannon doesn't exactly strike us as a shrinking violet!

**Steve Guttenberg & Anna Trebunskaya** - Everyone's favorite nice-guy/funnyman Steve Guttenberg (*Police Academy*) partners with flame-haired Anna (who's also married to professional Jonathan Roberts, *see below*) in what's sure to become one of the season's most adorable couples. Can you even *picture* Steve Guttenberg without a smile?

**Penn Jillette & Kym Johnson** - Will sweet Australian performer Kym teach Penn

Jillette of Penn & Teller fame to glide across the dance floor? She's been successful before, having whipped Joey Fatone into shape in Season Four for an impressive second-place finish. And really, you can never count out a man who named his baby daughter Moxie CrimeFighter.

**Mario & Karina Smirnoff** - Fierce competitor Karina takes on R&B sensation Mario. Having placed second with Mario Lopez in Season Three, Karina is more than ready to raise that prized disco ball in victory, once and for all. Could this be her year?

**Marlee Matlin & Fabian Sanchez** - Academy Award winner Marlee Matlin partners with professional newcomer Fabian Sanchez. Can the 2006 World Mambo Champion help the hearing-impaired actress feel the music? After last season's awe-inspiring performances by one-legged activist Heather Mills, it seems like anything is possible!

**Priscilla Presley & Louis Van Amstel** - In what could possibly be the show's ultimate casting coup, Elvis' famously reserved ex-wife has agreed to grace the show's stage at age sixty-two. We already know that Louis is a true gentleman on the floor, and can't wait to see these two together.

**Monica Seles & Jonathan Roberts** - Tennis champion Monica Seles will be dancing with last season's third place finisher, Jonathan Roberts. Could Monica be the latest professional athlete to take home the trophy?

**Jason Taylor & Edyta Sliwinska** - How do you spell sexy? **E-D-Y-T-A**. Some of her steamy performances with Season Five's hunky Cameron Mathison left us feeling like we were watching something private. And Jason Taylor could clearly have been a model if that whole football thing hadn't worked out so well. We are just dying to see these two together. Judge Carrie Ann Inaba is probably *already* fanning herself.

**Marissa Jaret Winokur & Tony Dovolani** - Marissa Jaret Winokur of *Hairspray* fame is set to dance with smooth-as-silk ballroom master Tony Dovolani, who elegantly led last season's Jane Seymour around the ballroom.

**Kristi Yamaguchi & Mark Ballas** - America's skating sweetheart, Olympic champion figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi, is partnered with last season's standout Mark Ballas. Insiders are already noting this couple as one to watch. Can Kristi bring her competitive skills from the ice to the ballroom?

This latest group of contestants may be one of the best ever. And the new format with a double elimination is sure to ratchet up the tension for all of the performers. Stay tuned for recaps of every episode and behind-the-scenes information about your favorite performers, and keep dancing!