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About Pasha

Pasha was born and raised in the Far East of Siberia, Russia and started to dance when he was 8 years old. Following his passion for dance he eventually moved to the USA at the age of 20.

After a very successful professional competitive career in Latin Dancing with his dance partner Anya Garnis, Pasha auditioned for the third season of hit TV show “So You Think You Can Dance?” that made him a popular and recognizable dancer across the USA.

After the show ended, Pasha was invited to be a part of the ballroom sensation show playing on Broadway “Burn The Floor” After the Broadway run Pasha joined Burn The Floor’s World Tour and eventually performed on London’s West End.



In 2011, Pasha joined the professional cast of BBC Strictly Come Dancing in the UK. 8 seasons on the show, 4 finals and 1 Glitterball Trophy later, Pasha finished his career on Strictly to focus on producing his own shows. He successfully toured the UK for 6 years with sell out shows.

In 2021, Pasha came back to the West End as one of the lead performers in 'Here Come The Boys'. This year, Pasha has choreographed feature film 'Paris Christmas Waltz' which will debut on The American Family Network and is currently touring the UK in 'La Bamba: The Musical'

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FORMER STRICTLY STARS CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK ON THE ROAD

OH BOY, WE FEEL LIKE DANCING!

SMART MOVES: Nadiya Bychkova, left, is the only girl in Here Come The Boys; her fellow dance stars are, left to right, Graziano Di Prima, Pasha Kovalev, Robin Windsor and Karim Zorouf

HAPPY MEMORIES: Pasha was Strictly Come Dancing in 2014 with the late TV presenter Caroline Flack, below

By Richard Barber

AFTER a year when theatre-goers have been starved of entertainment the country is on its way, and Here Come The Boys are leading the charge. Strictly dance professional Aljaz Skerjanc is one member of the talented troupe - and he's not forgotten what they mean to audiences.

"The first time we went out on the road in the summer of 2019 with the Here Come The Boys dance show, we didn't quite know what to expect," he says.

On that occasion, he was accompanied by Gerka Marjanec and Ganesha Perovic. "We couldn't believe the reaction. We were sold out everywhere."

A second season of HCTB was set for a residency at London's Coventry Theatre from January before going on the road. The pandemic put paid to that. It was found it wouldn't be associated until 2022 but a slot came up at the London Palladium where it plays for over two weeks from May 25.

He's champing at the bit to get out in front of an audience again. "I've missed performing on stage tremendously," says Aljaz, 31. "This has been the longest spell I've ever known when I haven't been able to dance. And there's nothing in this world I like more than dancing."

Former CBBC presenter Karim Zorouf, 27, became mates with Aljaz when he took part in Strictly in 2019 (and was a runner-up with partner Amy Dowling). "It was Aljaz who suggested I get involved with Here Come The Boys. It was so bustling to be picked out by him he's an incredible dancer."

He shouldn't be surprised. Strictly judge Craig Revel Horwood (who knows a thing or two on the subject) reckons Karim is the most naturally talented celebrity dancer in the history of Strictly. All he'll say now is "I really worked my butt off on that show."

He's thrilled to be back at the Palladium, where he made his professional debut aged 10 in Chitry Bang Bang. "Here Come The Boys is going to be a full-on, modern dance concert with very few competitive elements," he says. "Now, as a parent, audience want to be entertained."

Since breaking up with long-time girlfriend Pippa Hinchcliffe, Karim has been what he calls "a single prole". He read his luck on *Golden Girl Dating* - to no avail.

At the beginning of the year he was a contestant on *Celebrity Heat*. Home Cook with Mary Berry he did respectably, with Ed Balls jumping home at the eventual winner. "Claudia Winkleman was the presenter and we knew each other, of course, from Strictly. I love her. She guided me through the show."

When Pasha Kovalev, 41, was approached about Here Come The Boys, he was immediately interested. "It will give me the chance to share this stage again with my friends from Strictly. It was just a no-brainer." He has only good things to say about Strictly. "It opened so many doors for me."

Pasha wanted to be a dancer for as long as he can remember. To hone his skills, he moved from his native Serbia to Moscow and then from Russia to the US when he was 20. The years ago, he emigrated to the UK and joined Strictly.

The show, which he won with the late TV presenter Caroline Flack in 2014, gave him other memorable partners, not least Countdown maths whiz Rachel Riley in 2013. They subsequently fell in love, married and now have a daughter, Maren. "I'm so the delight of the cheering audience - during the tour of dance shows *From The Floor*. They've had to postpone the wedding twice due to the pandemic. But we hope to marry in 2021 next July."

He's also a big fan of her husband, Paul. "He took me to his home - dancing classes - while Deborah was on the show so he'd be able to dance with her when she was eliminated. He'd research whatever the dance she and I were doing each week and send her a bunch of appropriate flowers. Who said romance is dead?"

And so, she's not terribly fazed about being the only female. "The trick," she says, "is to make it look as though the men are in charge. But then, isn't that what women have been doing for ever since the beginning of time?"

• Here Come The Boys: Tuesday, May 21 - Wednesday, June 9, thelondonpalladium.co.uk

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Strictly star Pasha Kovalev to choreograph fiery new production 'Barista The Musical.'

Tickets are now on sale for the hotly anticipated new production '**Barista The Musical**,' choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing champion pro **Pasha Kovalev**, and directed by celebrated West End star **Sarah Redmond**. Combining a dramatic and gripping story with an outstanding original score, 'Barista The Musical' is packed with beautiful melodies, show-stopping numbers and incredible Latin and contemporary dance.

With script and score written by Sussex-based husband and wife team **Nigel and Anna Newman**, the musical will debut at **Horsham's historic Capitol Theatre from 12th to the 21st September 2024**.

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