



Bruno Tonioli

Choreographer and Resident Judge on BBC1's Strictly Come Dancing and ABC's Dancing with the Stars

Bruno is most recognised for his role as judge on BBC's hit show *Strictly Come Dancing*, with his effervescent personality securing him as a household favourite.

Bruno has become an authority on the world of dance, and judges alongside Len Goodman on the US hit series *Dancing with the Stars* - the successful US version of *Strictly Come Dancing* which premiered this season with 24 million viewers, and is still one of the most successful shows in the USA.

He has also appeared in guest-judge roles on *Australia's Dancing With the Stars*.

He has made many guest appearances on entertainment news shows in both the UK and USA including *Tonight with Jonathan Ross*, *The Jay Leno Show*, *Larry King Live* and *Oprah* to name but a few.

Bruno started his professional career as a dancer and came to London as a leading member of the Paris based company *La Grande Eugene*; he then joined the *Lyndsay Kemp Company*.

Bruno worked very successfully as a freelance dancer before starting his career as choreographer working with Pamela Stephenson and the *Not The Nine o'clock News*. He then went on to work extensively in the music business, choreographing videos stage shows and tours for many artists including the likes of Tina Turner, The Rolling Stones and Elton John; and has also choreographed an endless number of feature films and commercials.

Bruno landed the exciting role of judge on *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2004 which propelled him into the spotlight. He has

also gone on to co-create the BBC show *Dance X* in the UK and *Dance Wars* in the US.

2012 was a busy year for Bruno as a passionate cook he launched his own range of Italian inspired cookware on QVC and retold his amazing life story for his autobiography, *My Story*, which was published by Headline.

In 2016 he fronted BBC2 Arts documentary *West Side Stories* alongside Suzy Klein and in 2017 he solely hosted a documentary celebrating the anniversary of the culture phenomenon, *Saturday Night Fever*, made by IWC Media for BBC2.

His love of opera has also been shared with his fans in the form of a DVD *An Italian Romance* on the Decca label, and a returning series on Radio 2 in 2017 and 2018.

In 2021, Bruno and his Strictly judge friend Craig Revel Horwood, presented ITV1's "Craig and Bruno's Great British Drives". The series followed them on six of the best drives in Britain, starting with the scenic coastline of Cornwall, and finishing in the Scottish Highlands.

2022 was the year that Bruno announced his departure from Strictly but will be judging the US version '*Dancing With The Stars*' as well as fronting other new ventures.

Bruno is fluent in English, Spanish, French and of course Italian.