

Top Celebs Who Ever Appeared on Strictly Come Dancing

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Strictly Come Dancing is one of the top television shows in Britain today. The show takes professional dancers, pairs them with celebrities and gives the couples a short period of time to create a new dance based on a specific type of dancing and song. It became such a hit that it inspired numerous similar shows around the world. American audiences can now watch Dancing with the Stars, but they may want to look back over the history of Strictly Come Dancing and see some of the top celebs who appeared on that series.

Darren Gough

While many reality shows feature professional and former professional athletes today, many credit Darren Gough with helping those athletes realize that they could dance. Gough spent a number of years leading the Yorkshire County Cricket Club to victory after victory before deciding to retire. Gough appeared on Strictly Come Dancing in 2005 and shocked the country when he walked off with the trophy. He later returned for several specials, which he also won, before going on tour with the show. Gough parlayed his success on the show into appearances on several hit reality shows.

Jason Donovan

Jason Donovan was a famous actor in his native Australia before launching an even more successful singing career. He had a string of hit songs both in Britain and in a handful of other countries. After appearing in a few television shows in the 2000s, he decided to try his luck on Strictly Come Dancing. Parented with professional dancer [Kristina Rihanoff](#) [2], who actually won the show before, the couple became a fan favorite. Though he finished highly in several of the weeks leading up to the finale, he and Rihanoff later finished the show in third place, which made him even more famous.

Christopher Parker

When Strictly Come Dancing first started, many of those watching at home thought the show would feature actors, singers and models. Christopher Parker, who hosted multiple TV shows over the years, proved that serious celebrities would take part in the show too. Though Parker did not win the series, he did make it all the way to the final episode with his professional dance partner. Parker later credited the show with helping him earn more jobs on television. When the next series of Strictly Come Dancing starts, you'll find new top celebs like Donovan, Parker and Gough appearing on this hit show.

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