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THE AUDIENCE CHOOSES THE WINNER IN DANCING PROS: LIVE! WITH HOST ALAN THICKE

Starring "Dancing With the Stars" winner Karina Smirnoff and featuring Edyta Sliwinska and Chelsie Hightower

Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner and "Dancing with the Stars" Champion Helio Castroneves to serve as a celebrity judge exclusively at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts 2014–2015 Dance Series continues with ***Dancing Pros: Live!*** with host Alan Thicke and starring *Dancing With the Stars* winner Karina Smirnoff on **Sunday, February 15 at 7 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater.

With a blend of artistry and athleticism, passion and lyricism, sass and sophistication, ten of the world's most remarkable professional dancers from *Dancing With the Stars*, *So You Think You Can Dance* and dance champions from around the world compete with one another for the top prize in this high-octane dance competition. The sumptuously produced *Dancing Pros: Live!* is packed with a variety of dance styles, from the cha-cha, waltz and tango to swing, samba and jitterbug. Combining the best elements of reality TV with the excitement and unpredictability of a live performance, the voting is left strictly to the audience and the winner is announced at the end of the show.

Smirnoff will star as head judge. A Ukrainian professional ballroom dancer, she is best known to the general public as a professional dancer on *Dancing With the Stars*, winning the thirteenth season with army veteran and soap opera star J. R. Martinez. She's also won two runner-up titles, a semi-final title, and several quarter final titles. Smirnoff is a five-time U.S. National Champion, World Trophy Champion, and Asian Open Champion and her accomplishments include starring roles in *Forever Tango* and *Burn the Floor* on Broadway.

Dancing Pros: Live! also features Edyta Sliwinska and Chelsie Hightower from *Dancing With the Stars* along with Ryan Di Lello from *So You Think You Can Dance*. One of the most popular personalities in all of sports, Helio Castroneves will serve as a celebrity judge exclusively at the Broward Center. The three-time Indianapolis 500 winner is the only race car driver ever to become a *Dancing With the Stars* champion.

The spectacular show sparkles with amazing caliber singing by Angel Taylor (*The Voice*), a glamorous set, stunning costumes, group numbers and unbelievable dance moves. From high voltage kicks to seductive strides, these famed competitors demand everyone's attention as they rival one another on the dance floor for a chance to win votes.

"We had the idea to marry two things: the art of dance, which we love, and audience interaction, which we experienced while on *Dancing With the Stars*," said Sliwinska, who co-created the show. "What better way to engage the audience than to give everyone in the theater electronic devices and have them vote for their favorite couple."

People magazine raves, "Top notch dancing from the best in the world and a live fan vote for the winner. If you like *Dancing With the Stars* you'll love the drama, excitement and unpredictability of *Dancing Pros*."

Tickets for *Dancing Pros: Live!* are \$39.50 to \$69.50 with Club Level tickets available for \$119.50. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or, Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

The Broward Center 2014–2015 Dance Series continues with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (Feb.19–22) and Tango Buenos Aires (Mar. 24).

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