

## **“Strictly Come Dancing” Stars Align for New Touring Show: Klaus Kongsdal & Katya Virshilas New Pro Dance Partners**

**London, UK (November 18, 2009)** – World champion ballroom dancer, Klaus Kongsdal, and Katya Virshilas, “Strictly Come Dancing” pro-dancer, have partnered to create a new Latin and ballroom fusion dance show and are available for bookings January 2010.

Virshilas is most-recently known for taming her celeb-partner, Phil Tufnell “The Cat,” and charming audiences with her fresh take on ballroom on the nation’s favorite dance contest, BBC One’s “Strictly Come Dancing” (series seven). She is now set to collaborate and tour with Kongsdal on a choreographic splendor; in this new pairing they will create a ballroom and Latin dance spectacle that will electrify audiences with their combined award-winning talents – they are set to ignite any dance floor.

“I was immediately struck by Katya’s artistry and her instincts,” said Kongsdal. “This will genuinely be a captivating moment of my career, I want every audience to feel our new energy and witness us breaking the boundaries of dance.” When it comes to professional ballroom this new duo will perform a creative take on dancing that will shake up the stage, bringing a mix of traditional elegance with a modern vibe.

“A perfect partnership is a rare and magical thing. Partners need to move fluidly together, bodies in perfect alignment, anticipating each other’s thoughts. It is so amazing to find someone who can match me in technique, but also in my fire for dance,” explains Virshilas.

Waltzing their way to ballrooms across the UK, Virshilas and Kongsdal will be the A-list stars of upcoming premium events.

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### **About Katya Virshilas** [www.katyavirshilas.com](http://www.katyavirshilas.com)

Latin ballroom dance champion, Katya Virshilas, is a professional dancer on BBC’s “Strictly Come Dancing.” She has choreographed Jennifer Lopez and Richard Gere in, “Shall We Dance,” performed the iconic tango with Antonio Banderas in, “Take the Lead”; and starred in Shiamak Davar’s stage production, “I Believe” in India. Katya has also appeared in popular TV shows, such as, “Supernatural,” “Smallville,” and “The Guard.”

### **About Klaus Kongsdal**

Dancer, Klaus Kongsdal, and past-partner, Viktoria Franova have won many World Latin & European titles: 6 times undefeated Danish Champion; European Champion; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in World Championships; and Finalist at all major championships. In 2005 they appeared on “Vild Med Dans” (“Dancing With The Stars” - Denmark) in a special show; Klaus joined the show in 2006, and in 2007 & 2008 he choreographed the opening and closing group numbers. In August 2007 he retired from competition and moved to Copenhagen to perform and teach.