

**Nikita Kuzmin** is a six-time Italian Champion in Latin and Ballroom dance and choreographer, best known as a professional dancer on BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing. 2025 saw Nikita embark on his first ever live solo UK and Ireland tour 'The Midnight Dancer'.

Born in Ukraine, Nikita left his home country at 9 years old to follow his dance career. It was during his nine years in Italy that Nikita became a six-time Italian Champion in Latin and Ballroom dance. Nikita moved to Germany aged eighteen, where he started working at fellow Strictly alumni Motsi Mabuse's dance studio before landing a spot as a professional dancer on Let's Dance – Germany's version of Strictly Come Dancing – in 2020. Within a year Nikita was taken on as a professional dancer on the BBC version.

Nikita is in his fifth year as a professional dancer on 'Strictly Come Dancing', with 2023 seeing him reach the final with Layton Williams. Their partnership was so strong they reunited for a LIVE dance extravaganza – 'Layton & Nikita – LIVE!', where the pair performed in Manchester's Bridgewater Hall as well as the iconic Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. 2024 saw Nikita stepping out of the world of dance, with him entering the Celebrity Big Brother House. His presence resonated with housemates and viewers alike, securing him a place in the final and a second-place finish.

Since his diagnosis with Type One diabetes at age thirteen, Nikita has become a passionate and active campaigner, inspiring those affected and sending the message that it does not have to restrict your ambitions and dreams, while raising a wider awareness around the condition.