

# Rumer Willis Opens Up About 'Dancing With The Stars' and Her Parent's Celebrity Divorce



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Rumer Willis, actress and daughter of former famous couple Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, recently sat down and talked on [Larry King Now](#) about the current season of *Dancing with the Stars* and her parent's [celebrity divorce](#).

## Rumer Willis on Val Chmerkovskiy and *Dancing with the Stars*

According to Willis, season 20 of *Dancing with the Stars* is the season to watch her partner Val Chmerkovskiy. “I think it’s going to be his year,” she explains. “He’s so sweet and really cares about the dance.” Still, winning isn’t going to be an easy task, especially being partnered with such a determined dancer. The actress admits, “He’s definitely a strict teacher!”

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With such an intense practice schedule, it’s obvious that the dancing is important for the duo. “When you’re doing a show that’s a reality TV version of ballroom dancing, it can become more about the costumes or the performance, but what I really like about him is he really cares about the dancing and keeping the integrity of what you’re actually doing,” she reveals.

## Actress Talks About Her Parents’ Celebrity Divorce

Although Willis has her own career, she’s perhaps best known as the daughter of two A-list stars. Experiencing your parents’ divorce is never easy, especially if you’re the child of a Hollywood couple. As a 10-year-old, it was difficult for her to understand the role of the press and the tabloids in her everyday life. “I think one of the hardest parts was growing up with having your whole life kind of be on display and have people have an opinion about it before you learn how to get a tough skin and really just have confidence in who you are without letting other people’s opinions affect that,” she explains.

Fortunately, her parents' celebrity divorce was made a little bit easier to handle, thanks to the continual support from her mom and dad. "I am so thankful and grateful that my parents made such an effort at the time," she shares. "I never had to split up vacations or split up birthdays. They always made an effort to do all of the family events still together. They made such an effort to still have our family be one unit as opposed to two separate things."

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Given her family's status in Tinseltown, the *Dancing with the Stars* contestant is subject to celebrity gossip. She tries to maintain a positive attitude about the rumors and be open to criticism. "If you want to judge me, I'm totally fine with that," she candidly says. "And if you don't like me but just take five minutes to get to know me and if after that your opinion stays the same and you *still* don't like me, then that's your prerogative."

Having a confident attitude while dealing with negativity from the press and general public isn't easy to pull off, but Willis has her mother to thank for her perspective: "She always says, 'Live in whatever your integrity is, and go out to the world and present yourself how you want to present yourself and how you want people to see you.'"

*For the rest of the interview, visit [www.ora.tv/larrykingnow/2015/3/16/rumer-willis-0\\_5jsq5lpkgb75](http://www.ora.tv/larrykingnow/2015/3/16/rumer-willis-0_5jsq5lpkgb75).*