'DWTS' Pro Allison Holker on Her Celebrity Baby with Stephen "tWitch" Boss: "Carrying a Baby Around the House is the Biggest Workout!"





By Kayla Garritano

Not only have their dance careers flourished since they appeared on *So You Think You Can Dance* but so have their love lives. Professional dancers Allison Holker, who competed on *SYTYCD* during season 2, and Stephen "tWitch" Boss, who

first auditioned during seasons 3 and 4, met on the famous reality TV show when they both returned as All-Stars during season 7. Three years later, in 2013, they were married, and Boss became a stepfather to Holker's daughter Weslie.

Of course, 28-year-old Holker and 34-year-old Boss are more than just a power pair in the dance world. In our exclusive celebrity interview, the celebrity couple opened up to CupidsPulse.com about their family life and reality TV careers as well as their recent partnership with Airtime Labs.

Allison Holker and Stephen "tWitch" Boss Open Up About Celebrity Baby and Reality TV Careers

This past spring, the musically-inclined duo welcomed their first <u>celebrity baby</u>, son Maddox Laurel, together. It's no surprise that his big sister is relishing her new role. "She changes diapers; she does the feedings; she always wants to help," Boss says of 8-year-old Weslie. "She's been really excited about having a sibling for a very long time."

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Holker and Boss announced their celebrity pregnancy live onair during season 21 of *Dancing With the Stars*, where Holker was paired with singer Andy Grammer and finished in 7th place (when she was five months pregnant!). After taking time off for the birth of her son, she's back for her fourth season on the dance competition show and already in great shape. "Carrying a baby around the house is the biggest workout you could ever imagine," she jokes.

But the excitement of her return doesn't stop there: For season 23, the pro is dancing with R&B musician, singer-songwriter, and record producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds.

When asked about working with the iconic man, Holker shares, "I wasn't really nervous. I felt honored — I feel like I'm learning so much from him. He's so knowledgable about life and who he is."

Boss, on the other hand, was ecstatic to hear the news, saying, "I grew up on him!"

As fans know, Boss has quite a history with *SYTYCD*. After he finished as the runner-up during season 4, he returned during season 5 to perform the Emmy-nominated piece "Mercy" that he danced the year before. He was a frequent All-Star during seasons 7 through 9 and performed many memorable dance routines. Then, during season 12, he served as Team Captain for "Team Street."

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Most recently, Boss made an appearance as a guest judge on the latest season of *SYTYCD*, which is mixing things up by featuring young dancers between the ages of 8 and 13. "When they first announced it, I wasn't completely on board. Switching formats so drastically, I didn't know how to feel about it," he explains when asked about *So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation.* "But then, after watching an episode, getting to know the contestants, getting to see the dances, and — when I was a judge — seeing it live and getting a dose of their personalities, I was like, 'Wow, this makes a lot of sense.'"

Keeping busy, the reality TV star who makes regular appearances on *The Ellen Show*, is developing an exercise/dance fitness program, and is continuing to attend dance auditions. As he puts it, he is "waiting to create the next opportunity, whatever that may be."

Celebrity Couple Partners with Airtime Labs

For Holker and Boss, it was a no-brainer to partner with Airtime Labs, a mobile telecommunication solutions company that strives to find affordable and safe technology options for families by offering monthly phone and tablet plans for children and teens. The celebrity couple will inform and educate parents about the company's flexible mobile services and inexpensive devices. By providing their children with their own phones and/or tablets, parents can teach them responsibility but still monitor their usage.

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This celebrity couple is already using Airtime Labs for their daughter. "It's family-based. It's about connecting better. Not only were we able to get Weslie a phone, but we were able to teach her how to use it," Boss explains. "We are still able to monitor what websites she's going to and how she spends most of her time on the phone, whether it's playing games or watching YouTube videos. That made me feel better about getting her a phone."

Chiming in, Holker adds that she wanted their daughter to have a phone but with a fair amount of supervision. "I wanted her to be able to reach out to me, but she can't just be on her phone all day," she shares.

Be sure to watch Dancing With The Stars on Mondays and Tuesdays at 8PM ET on ABC! You can follow the couple on Instagram @allisonholker and @sir_twitch_alot.

Antonio Sabato Jr. on His 'DWTS' Journey So Far: "I Have a Passion with Everything I Do"





By <u>Sarah Batcheller</u>

Impressed doesn't even begin to sum up the fan's opinion of Antonio Sabato Jr.'s Bollywood performance during partner switch-up week on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. While viewers missed his dynamic dancing with partner Cheryl Burke, he and Allison Holker really turned up the heat with kicks, jumps, and stunts. Much to Sabato's pleasure, judge Julianne Hough noted his passion and said he was "most improved." Find out more from the *Fix It and Finish It* host in our exclusive

Exclusive Celebrity Interview with Antonio Sabato Jr. About 'DWTS

What was running through your mind when you found out you were dancing Bollywood?

ASJ: Excitement! I was very excited because I love Bollywood. I knew it would be fun and was very happy to get to do it.

Allison mentioned how high energy this dance is. Was it harder to learn than past dances because of the quick pace?

ASJ: In some ways, it was, and in some ways, it wasn't. The good thing is that I felt really comfortable in it from the beginning. Actually, I'm feeling more comfortable with dancing as a whole. Some weeks, it's hard, and some weeks are easier, but I love all the challenges. I think I had more fun learning Bollywood because it's a happy kind of dance, and that made it a fun challenge.

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How did your chemistry with Allison compare to it with Cheryl? Did you agree with the judges when they noted the disconnect between the two of you?

ASJ: It's about the dance and what we tried to do. There's a chemistry when you dance with a great partner, and it worked with Allison as well as Cheryl. They're both amazing dancers, and I'm fortunate to dance with Cheryl and to work with Allison. I've never danced before, so I'm learning as a student and come in with no expertise.

No, I didn't agree with the judges. That was their opinion as judges. I know that I had a great time in the dance. They are

supposed to judge, and it didn't take away from what we did on the floor.

We love that Julianne commented on how passionate you are each week — that had to feel good! Where does that passion come from?

ASJ: I have a passion with everything I do. When I do something, I want to do it the best I can. I take pride in the life I have and the choices I make. I'm blessed to be on a show like *DWTS*. I guess the passion is in my blood — the passion to work hard on something. I'm Italian, and we are a very passionate people.

Julianne also called you "most improved" on *Good Morning*America last week. We'd love to know your thoughts on this sweet comment!

ASJ: HUGE compliment coming from her. I totally respect her as a dancer, a performer, and now a judge. As soon as I see her, I will thank her and let her know how grateful I am for what she said.

What was it like watching Cheryl dance with Alfonso Ribeiro? Any jealousy?

ASJ: Nah, I was happy for both of them. They were so good. Alfonso has been dancing his entire life, and I've been looking forward to watching people that know how to dance get to dance. It's so fun to watch. I was very supportive of both of them, especially Cheryl.

Is there anything you learned from Allison that you'll be using during training this week?

ASJ: I'm learning so much from every dance I do, and I enjoy every different move and song. I learned with Bollywood to relax even more and to have more fun. I've learned to pay attention to every step and to loosen up. That's what I'm

going to take with me this week as I do the Salsa with Cheryl.

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When we first spoke with you, you mentioned your family would be in the audience each week. What sort of feedback have they been giving you?

ASJ: My family is being very supportive of me. They love the show; they love to dance; and they love to get to see me dance. We're always there together, and it's a blessing. They love it. All my friends come and see me and support me, and it makes it so special.

Lastly, you're still shooting *Fix It and Finish It* while you're competing. How is Louisville?

ASJ: We had our last shoot there on Friday, and now, our crew moves to Cleveland. I really love the city a lot, and hopefully, I can run into LeBron!

Follow Antonio Sabato Jr. on Twitter @antoniosabatojr. Watch him on Dancing with the Stars on Mondays on ABC at 8/7c!

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Antonio Sabato Jr. is still impressing fans with what seems like natural-born talent on *Dancing with the Stars*. Last week, judge Carrie Ann Inaba called him "the heartthrob of the season" after he performed the Samba with partner Cheryl Burke. He also won over the audience by dedicating the performance to his mother and paying tribute to the year his family came to the United States. This week bares new possibility, as Sabato and the other contestants switch partners. The *General Hospital* actor is looking forward to dancing Bollywood with new pro Allison Holker — read our celebrity interview below to find out more about their training!

How did learning the Samba compare to the other dances you've done this season? Do you have a favorite so far?

ASJ: They're different in technique, but to me, they're all new, so they're all challenging. They are a lot of fun and having Cheryl teach me has made the challenge that much more enjoyable. Right now, I don't have a favorite one. So far, each one has been unique in its own way — it's hard to say!

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We love that you dedicated this week's dance to your mom. Anything you can share about the support she's given you during *DWTS* so far?

ASJ: My mom comes from the dancing world, so her guidance has been invaluable. She advises me on how to relax more and gives me tips for my posture. She's been amazing, explaining to me how to attack a dance through feeling the music and through your body. Those things have been very helpful, and I am so indebted to her for her support.

How did it feel when Carrie Ann called you "the heartthrob of the season"?

ASJ: Hey! I was flattered. Anything coming from the judges is helpful and very kind. I take it as compliment from her, as beautiful as she is.

You looked a bit disappointed when the judges shared their scores. What were you thinking in that moment?

ASJ: Obviously, you want to earn the highest score possible, but honestly, that's not what my reaction was about. The disappointment wasn't related to the scores but for my own mistake in the dance. You probably wouldn't see it on TV. I knew it, and Cheryl knew it, but I didn't want to let it get to me.

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Antonio Sabato Jr. on Bollywood Dance in Celebrity Interview

Tonight is the switch-up. We know you were disappointed to leave Cheryl for a week! What can you tell us about training last week?

ASJ: I've been paired with Allison Holker, and we're doing Bollywood, which is full of color. I'm not wearing any shoes, completely barefoot. We're working really hard, putting the hours in to make it as fun for everyone else as it will be for us.

I've known Allison and her husband, and she's another person I can learn from. I'll take what I learn back to Cheryl and continue to grow. I couldn't ask for anyone better, but I do miss Cheryl.

And lastly, what's been going on this week with *Fix It and Finish It*? Where are you currently filming?

ASJ: We're still in Louisville, a beautiful town with beautiful people and projects. We just finished up three projects this week, and we have three next week. Then, we're off to Cleveland.

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