

Celebrity Interview: 'DWTS' Contestant Candace Cameron Bure Says "Dance Parties" Have Always Been Her Favorite Family Activity!



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Earlier this month, when *Good Morning America* announced the line-up for season 18 of *Dancing with the Stars*, *Full House* fans were excited to see Candace Cameron Bure back in the spotlight. And she's just as thrilled to be a part of the cast: "I've always been a fan of the show. Plus, this is probably the most excited I've seen my family get over

something that I'm doing!" she shares in our celebrity interview.

Candace Cameron Bure Opens Up About Her Family and New Book in Celebrity Interview

Daughter Natasha was particularly happy about her mom's new role. "She was just freaking out," the star says with a laugh. "She wanted to know all about the other celebrities on the show. She's been coming with me to my weekend rehearsals too."

Once her sons Maksim and Lev met her partner, two-time champion Mark Ballas, they got into it too. "They just thought he was so cool," she reveals. Viewers can expect to see her kids as well as her husband Valeri in the audience cheering her on each week.

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Cameron Bure has certainly been keeping busy, both on and off the small screen. Most recently, the *New York Times* best-selling author published her second book, *Balancing It All: My Story of Juggling Priorities and Purpose*. As for how she manages the never-ending juggling act of being a wife, celebrity mom, actress, and writer, "it's about big picture prioritizing and realizing what's most important in your life. You have to make sure that your top three priorities really stay in place."

She adds, "For me, it's God and family and then my work and social life and all of the rest of the stuff in between. But if God and family aren't in that first and second position, everything else in my life really does become unbalanced."

DWTS Star on Her Celebrity Marriage

Of course, her husband plays a significant role in helping her hold everything together. “He’s an incredibly-involved father to our children and a supportive partner to me. Our lives are really stressful, yet our family is our priority,” she shares about her [celebrity marriage](#). “He’s just a wonderful man, and I feel really blessed to have him.”

The famous couple, who married when they were only 20 years old, first connected over their similar backgrounds. “I lived a very full life before then, as had my husband. We both had been working children: He was playing hockey, and I had been acting since I was five,” she explains in our celebrity interview. “We were both very ready to get married and start a family.”

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As for what keeps their 17-year celebrity marriage so strong, the blonde simply states, “Common values and love for one another are the main two things. “

For other couples trying to make the most of their union, she stresses the importance of building up your partner to become who they’re meant to be. “When you take the focus off of yourself and focus on how you can help your spouse be better, that’s when your marriage will become better,” the *DWTS* contestant explains.

With her three kids getting older, it’s no surprise that her relationship with them is always changing. “It’s really fun to see the adults they’re becoming. We’re having more mature conversations, and I love the stage that we’re in,” she shares. “I have an open relationship with them, and nothing is off limits.”

That includes everything from conversations about “awkward,

adult topics” to family dance parties. “It’s one of our favorite things to do together. We turn off the lights, put the strobe lights on, and just crank the electronic music,” she divulges. “We have a blast!” While she has no professional dance experience, she loves being the first one on the dance floor at weddings and parties.

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Cameron Bure and Ballas have been working on a contemporary dance for tonight’s *Dancing with the Stars* premiere. “I have a lot of bruises all over my body, so I’m falling down a lot,” the author shares about their routine. “I’m a fairly athletic person, so I asked Mark to incorporate that into our dance. We have some lifts, which will be fun.”

Of her future on the show, she reveals that she really wants to do the Viennese Waltz. “It’s just so classical and beautiful.” She’s dreading those “dances that have a ton of footwork” but adds that “Mark actually thinks I’ll be pretty good at it. It’s such complicated choreography. Those are the ones that make me nervous.”

When it comes to her competition, she’s seen *Big Time Rush* star James Maslow rehearse and says he’s fabulous. Tonight, though, she’s most looking forward to seeing Paralympic snowboarder Amy Purdy dance. “I think a lot of people are excited to watch her. We’re just curious to see how she’s going to move to all of those steps,” she says. “When I’m feeling slightly challenged, I immediately think of her and think, ‘What am I complaining about? I have two feet.’”

Follow Cameron Bure on Twitter @candacecbure and tweet your support with #DJCandyBall. Be sure to tune in for tonight’s premiere of Dancing with the Stars on ABC at 8/7c.