



MELANIE LA PATIN

Melanie LaPatin is a professional ballroom dance champion and choreographer, originally from New York. LaPatin formed a professional partnership with Tony Meredith in 1981 traveling the world representing the United States twelve times in the Professional World Latin-American Dance Championships, and in 2001 opened a dance studio in Times Square.

Melanie and her partner Tony have taken home over 100 championship titles, including: The United States Professional Latin Champions, Dirty Dancing Champions, 1999 DanceSport World Cup Champions, Four-time Champions of the North American Latin Championships, The World Trophy Title Holders, American-Swing World Cabaret Dance Champions, Three-time Champions of the "Championship Ballroom Dancing" (Sponsor, PBS), and Copacabana Mambo Marathon Finalists.

LaPatin is in high demand as a coach of top dancers around the world and as a choreographer for actors in film, television and Broadway. She has choreographed and appeared on film in such major motion pictures as Dance with Me, The Thomas Crown Affair, Let It Be Me and The Last Days of Disco, What To Expect When You're Expecting, Angriest Man In Brooklyn, and Leading Ladies. She has also appeared for 10 seasons as a choreographer on FOX's So You Think You Can Dance and So You Think You Can Dance Canada. As a dance coach and choreographer, she has worked with some of the most renowned film and television personalities including Pierce Brosnan, Renee Russo, Robin Williams, Melissa Leo, Vanessa Williams, Tim Robbins, Mary Steenburgen, Sonya Brava, Susan Sarandon, Steven Dorff, Patrick Stewart, Leslie Caron, Jennifer Beals, Harvey Keitel, Campbell Scott, Rob Schneider, Cameron Diaz, Matthew Morrison, Megan Mullally, Russell Crow, Emma Watson. and Barbara Walters. In 2008, she choreographed a photo shoot for Harper's Bazaar called "Dancing with the Designers" that featured Jessica Biel and high-end designers Vera Wang, Oscar de la Renta, Diane Von Furstenberg, Calvin Klein and Zac Posen.