



## **ALFONSO RIBEIRO**

*Host of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars"*

Alfonso Ribeiro is most recently known as host of ABC's "America's Funniest Home Videos," leading the show for the past six seasons. His iconic television personality danced its way into our hearts with his talents as an actor, TV director, award-winning dancer and Broadway star. Ribeiro has spent over 30 years leaving his unique mark on television, theater and pop culture worldwide.

Ribeiro also currently hosts the hit spinoff of the longtime ABC hit called "America's Funniest Home Videos: Animal Edition" that airs on Nat Geo WILD and brought lots of laughs into homes across America with hilarious clips of cats, dogs and other animals. In addition, he hosts Game Show Network's reboot of "Catch 21" and is joined by his partner from "DWTS," professional dancer and choreographer Witney Carson. The series is a fast-action blend of pop trivia with the excitement of the classic card game 21.

Ribeiro began his career as a child actor, most notably on Broadway playing the lead role in the Tony® Award-winning musical "The Tap Dance Kid." As news of Ribeiro's dancing and singing skills spread, he was offered a recording contract with Island Records, for whom he released several dance/pop singles, as well as his role in Michael Jackson's 1984 Pepsi commercial.

Ribeiro was then cast in the long-running NBC sitcom "Silver Spoons," making him an instant teen idol. After earning a theater arts education from Cal State University, Los Angeles, he was given the opportunity to choose a role on the established sitcom "A Different World" or a new pilot called "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Showing an adventurous streak, he chose the latter and created the iconic character of Carlton Banks for which he is known for throughout the world.

Having grown up in front of the camera, he knew that opportunities existed behind the scenes, too. His diverse resume as a TV director includes popular programs like "In the House," "Shake It Up," "Are We There Yet?," "The Wannabes," "Meet the Browns," "Cuts," "Eve," "One on One" and "All of Us."

Ribeiro continued to make good use of his dancing skills in 2014 when he won the 19th season of "Dancing with the Stars." After finishing in first place, he hosted the countrywide "Dancing with the Stars" tour.

Golf is also one of Ribeiro's passions, and he is currently a PGA TOUR Champions Ambassador.

He resides in California with his wife and four children.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

HOMETOWN: New York, New York

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