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Meet The New Pros of "DWTS"!

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The quest for the Mirrorball Trophy is about to begin! As "Dancing With the Stars" returns tonight for its 16th season, there will not only be a new round of celebrity contestants, but there'll also be new coaches. Before the heated competition starts up, let's meet the new professional dancers slated to sashay across the ballroom this season!

Gleb Savchenko is one of the newcomers to the ballroom this season, and will be tango'ing with "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Lisa Vanderpump. Gleb's been dancing since age 7, and his credentials include studying theatre arts and drama at the Moscow Theatre Arts University and studying choreography at the Russian Theatre Arts University. In addition to being the 2011-2012 Australian National Professional Latin-American Champion, the talented Russian is also an actor and model.

After three seasons of dancing with the "DWTS" Troupe, 27-year-old Sharna Burgess will also make her dancefloor debut tonight with partner, comedian Andy Dick. Burgess started ballroom training when she was 8, and has extensive dance experience. She performed in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games closing

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ceremony, performed on Broadway as a lead dancer, appeared on "So You Think You Can Dance: Holland", and choreographed for the feature film, $Street\ Dance\ 2-3D$.

Lindsay Arnold is the last professional dancer to make her debut this season, partnering with professional boxer Victor Ortiz. Her previous dance experience includes training with fellow pro dancer Mark Ballas since she was 12, and finishing in the Top 10 of last season's "So You Think You Can Dance". The 19-year-old is trained in multiple styles of dance, including ballroom, hip-hop, ballet, jazz, and contemporary, and also teaches at her dance studio in Utah.

The two-hour premiere is tonight at 8pm on ABC. Will you be tuning in?

- Audrey Cook, YH Staff







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