

Rachel White

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New Zealanders will recognise Californian-Russian beauty Rachel most recently as the straight-shooting judge on the panel of *Dancing with the Stars* 2018, however Rachel first graced our screens when she was imported from LA to be paired with Josh Kronfeld on DWTS in 2009, making it all the way to the final! No mean feat, bringing out the twinkle toes in a hulking former All Black!

Back in LA teaching dance two years later, Rachel met and fell in love with Kiwi gym owner Stuart, sealing her connection to NZ forever. The couple now divide their time between NZ and LA, where Rachel is the owner of JustDance Studio in Southern California, and Stuart owns a gym.

Since her last season of DWTS NZ, Rachel has been busy dedicating her life to everything dance, from coaching and preparing her couples and students for various competitions, to judging prestigious events and also developing dance programmes for schools and hospitals. Rachel's resume of dancing achievements is as dazzling as her smile; a two-time NZ professional Latin champion; a representative in the World Championships; current ranking of #5 Top Female Dance Teacher in the USA (by the DanceSport World Series); ranked eighth in the world alongside fellow DWTS judge Julz Tocker in Professional Smooth in 2017; and competing countless times professionally on the world ballroom dancing circuit at the highest level.

Throughout her life, Rachel has displayed a true talent for public speaking. She has competed and excelled in speaking competitions and is in continual high demand for MC roles and voiceover work. Rachel is known for her entertaining on-camera personality and true professionalism.

Shel has a substantial Instagram following, where she shares fitness, health and beauty advice; however her true passion in life is dancing, which is why she finds it so easy



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to motivate and bring out the best in her students. Rachel believes that if you can walk, you can dance, and that it can help enrich your life on every level.