

A photograph of Mark Ballas, a man with short dark hair, wearing a black leather motorcycle jacket and dark jeans. He is sitting on a chair, leaning forward with his hands clasped together. A guitar is visible on the floor in front of him. The background is a chain-link fence.

# MARK BALLAS

**OF DANCING WITH THE STARS**

**Mark Ballas** is a veteran of the spotlight. A lifelong dancer and musician, he's been a standout performer on America's Number 1 TV show, "Dancing With The Stars", for seven seasons. When he's not bringing home the championship (Season 6 with Kristi Yamaguchi and Season 8 with Shawn Johnson) his talents are still on display for 30 million households, twice per week.

He began playing the guitar at the age of 4. At 12 years old, Mark began to write and perform his own music, playing guitar, drums, and bass. With guitar influences ranging from Kurt Cobain, Paco de Lucia, Gypsy Kings, John Mayer, and Eric Clapton, and musical influences such as Florence and the Machine and Prince, Mark is carving out his own niche in the music world. His rhythmic style and soulful melodies always leave you wanting more...and never disappoint.

His debut solo CD, "HurtLoveBox", will be featured throughout North America in over 4000 WalMart stores, prominently displayed in the check out isles.

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