

Strictly Come Dancing aka Dancing with the Stars

BBC Worldwide's biggest format hit of the year was the BBC One show Strictly Come Dancing, devised and produced by BBC Entertainment. It follows the international success of The Weakest Link and Dog Eat Dog formats.

Internationally the show is called Dancing with the Stars and two series have already broadcast in Australia on Seven Network and achieved number one status. In Italy, the state broadcaster RAI I topped the Saturday night ratings with 'Ballando con le Stelle'. Both broadcasters have confirmed further series. Dancing with the Stars has also been licensed to the US Network ABC, with the BBC Entertainment team producing the series for summer 2005.

Other countries in production include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, South Africa and Turkey. There are negotiations continuing in Canada, Finland, Spain and Sweden. The Dancing with the Stars format is expected to generate £20m over five years.

