

As seasoned entertainment news journalist and two-time Emmy-nominated TV personality, Samantha Harris may be best-known for co-hosting the hit **ABC** series, **Dancing With the Stars** – which averages more than 30 million viewers weekly. One of her greatest honors was to host, alongside Regis Philbin, the official live red carpet pre-show for the **80th Annual Academy Awards**, which garnered nearly one billion viewers worldwide. Coming soon, Samantha can be seen filling in for host Meredith Vieira on **Who Wants To Be A Millionaire**.

She already had a strong international fan base, since Harris is seen in over 130 countries in 600 million homes on **E! Entertainment Television**. In addition to writing, producing and reporting daily for **E! News**, she co-hosts the network's live award-show coverage for the **Oscars, Golden Globes** and **Emmys**. Samantha has also found herself reporting from inside San Quentin Penitentiary as host for **THS Investigates**, a spin-off series from the producers of *The E! True Hollywood Story*.

Daytime TV viewers have also enjoyed Samantha's contributions as a special correspondent on ABC's **Good Morning America** and many times as a guest co-host on ABC's **The View**.

Prior to joining E!, Harris served as the weekend co-host for the nationally syndicated entertainment news magazine **Extra**, where she interviewed hundreds of celebrities. As a full-time correspondent for the show, Samantha took to the stage performing with Cirque du Soleil, sang a duet with Wayne Newton during his live show in Las Vegas as well as danced her way into the arms of Patrick Swayze backstage while he performed in *Chicago*. She also launched the first-ever Las Vegas bureau for *Extra*.

Samantha's other hosting credits include Fox's **The Next Joe Millionaire** and **AMC Access**, a show produced by NBC's Access Hollywood for the AMC network.

Harris' talents also extend to the stage and screen. Hot off the North American tour **Eric Idle Exploits Monty Python** (where Samantha's comedic, vocal and dance performance electrified audiences at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and other prestigious venues), **CBS** cast her as America's sweetheart, "Mary Ann," in its made-for-TV movie **Surviving Gilligan's Island**. Samantha's other acting credits include: the multi-award winning **Reefer Madness: The New "Hit" Musical** (original cast), **Beautiful** and other films.

Samantha is a four-time cover girl for **Muscle & Fitness HERS** as well as graced the covers of **Runway** and **Pregnancy & Newborn** (while pregnant with her daughter). She has also been featured in many magazines including **SHAPE, US Weekly, In Touch, Life & Style, FHM** and **SELF** as well as numerous ads and commercials. As a fitness enthusiast, she loves dancing, cardio-sculpting, yoga and hiking but will also confess... she's a dessert fanatic!

Samantha actively participates in various charity events, supporting the Revlon Run/Walk and What A Pair for cancer research, Operation Smile, P.S. Arts and Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Born and raised in Hopkins, MN, by a rock concert promoter father and dancer mother – who together created and produced one of the country's first renaissance festivals, King Richard's Faire – Samantha went on to graduate with honors from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in Evanston, IL. She currently resides in Los Angeles, CA, with her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Josselyn.