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**The Rhythm, The Passion, The Chemistry Reignites For 2023!**

Strictly Stars Karen Hauer, Gorka Marquez and their scintillating cast return in 2023 with FIREDANCE, featuring fresh flavours and super-charged choreography.

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Join both stars, sizzling dancers and mesmerising fire specialists in a captivating dance-off inspired by the timeless movie blockbusters Romeo & Juliet, Moulin Rouge, Carmen and West Side Story.  Soundtracked by a sensational live band, expect to hear an eclectic mix of Latin, Rock and Pop music from artists such as Camilla Cabello, Jason Derulo, Gregory Porter, Gypsy Kings, J.Lo, Marc Anthony and many more.

FIREDANCE will take audiences on a journey through the best of Latin and contemporary dance, igniting passion as Karen and Gorka turn up the heat for 2023.

Ticket presale at [Gigantic](https://www.gigantic.com/firedance-tickets-presale-3961) from 10am, Thursday 29th September.

**Karen said**, *“I am so excited to be reuniting with Gorka to bring you FIREDANCE: Reignite in 2023. Creating and performing this incredible show earlier this year has been a career highlight and we are taking things to another level with original dances, new music and lot more fire! We can’t wait to show you what we have created with this second chapter of the FIREDANCE story.”*

Born in Venezuela and having grown up in New York from the age of 10, Karen Hauer is the longest serving professional dancer on BBC’s Strictly Come Dancing. Joining the series in 2012 she has been partnered with household names including J Westlife's Nicky Byrne, The ‘Hairy Biker’ Dave Myers, Mark Wright, Jeremy Vine, Will Young and chef Simon Rimmer. In 2018 she reached the quarter-finals with actor Charles Venn and went a step further in 2019, taking comedian Chris Ramsey to the semi-final. In 2020 Karen reached her second final when she partnered with Made in Chelsea’s Jamie Laing and in 2021 was paired with Greg Wise. For this latest series, Karen is dancing with actress, comedian and podcaster Jayde Adams.

Karen has an amazing presence on stage and is one of the most expressive and charismatic dancers on the current dance scene. Able to express emotion through each and every movement right through to her fingertips, Karen takes choreographed routines to new heights and she has that rare talent to attract the eye of every audience member whenever she dances.

Karen is a health and fitness enthusiast, and a certified Personal Trainer, and launched her online at-home, equipment-free fitness programme Hauer Power at the end of 2019.

**Gorka said, *“FIREDANCE is back! Karen and I are so excited to dance up a storm for you in 2023. Expect favourite moments and lots of new songs, dance, heat, fire and passion. We cant wait to be back with our brilliant company doing what we love and hope you will join us at theatres across the UK.”***

Gorka’s flair for dancing started from a very young age. Originally from Bilbao, Spain, aged 11 he attended Ballroom and Latin dance classes where he quickly excelled and became one of the top dancers representing Spain performing across the globe.

Most famously known for his appearance on BBC’s Strictly Come Dancing, Gorka Marquez has continuously displayed outstanding talent and charisma since first gracing the Strictly dancefloor in 2016. He has been partnered with Alexandra Burke, Katie Piper and reached the final of the 2020 season with Eastenders actress, Maisie Smith and partnered Coronation Street actress Katie McGlynn the year after. For 2022, Gorka partners TV presenter Helen Skelton.

A huge fan of health, fitness and fashion, he is a qualified personal trainer and fashion model and content creator having worked with the likes of Facebook, Spotify, Tropicana and has created his own range of apparel in collaboration with WIT.

Catch FIREDANCE across the UK:

23-Feb-23 **Peterborough**New Theatre (7.30pm)

26-Feb-23 **Brighton**Theatre Royal (5pm) **\***

28-Feb-23 **Canterbury**The Marlowe (7.30pm) **\***

1-Mar-23  **Eastbourne**Congress Theatre (7.30pm)

2-Mar-23  **Dartford**Orchard Theatre (7.30pm)

3-Mar-23  **Guildford**G Live (7.30pm)

5-Mar-23  **Oxford**New Theatre (5pm) **\***

8-Mar-22  **Cambridge**Corn Exchange (7.30pm)

9-Mar-23  **Ipswich**Regent Theatre (7.30pm)

10-Mar-23 **Southend**Cliffs Pavilion (7.30pm)

11-Mar-23 **Manchester**The Bridgewater Hall (7.30pm)

12-Mar-23 **York**Grand Opera House (5pm) **\***

13-Mar-23 **Northampton**Royal & Derngate (7.30pm)

18-Mar-23 **Bournemouth**Pavilion (7.30pm)

19-Mar-23 **London**Wimbledon New Theatre (5pm) **\***

28-Mar-23 **Portsmouth**Guildhall (7.30pm)

30-Mar-23 **Nottingham**Theatre Royal (7.30pm)

31-Mar-23 **Birmingham**Symphony Hall (7.30pm)

1-Apr-23   **Sheffield**City Hall (7.30pm)

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**\*Ticket onsale TBA**

**Tickets available from** [**firedancelive.co.uk**](http://www.firedancelive.co.uk)

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