

Cell Phone

Calling...
Samantha Harris

Sticking a microphone in Tatum O'Neal's face and asking her to explain to America how she screwed up a waltz—a dance step that your Aunt Gertie rocked at your cousin's wedding last summer—isn't an easy gig. But as cohost of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* (and a correspondent for E! Entertainment Television), that's exactly what Samantha Harris has to do. The Hopkins High class of '96 grad has local roots in showbiz journalism: She interned for WCCO-TV's Bill Carlson. She took our cell phone out on the dance floor. —S.M.

TUESDAY 7:15 AM: Just walked in the door at E! I was on the red carpet at the Golden Globes last night, and I've been going for pretty much twenty-four hours straight—on air for sixteen, most of that live. I'm working on about two hours sleep, if you want to call it that. Just got out of makeup to go live with Diane Sawyer on *Good Morning America*. I introduced a taped segment of Golden Globe fashions and then did a voiceover that was completely ad-libbed. I'm pretty tired right now, but as soon as I finish another segment with Diane, I have to go over to E! for more voiceovers, and if I'm still standing, I'll drive over to go over scripts with the producers for this week's *Dancing with the Stars*.

WEDNESDAY 3:07 PM: I'm driving in Hollywood. I had an interview at the Roosevelt Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard with Marcia Cross of *Desperate Housewives*—about the terrible migraines she's been suffering for years.

THURSDAY 11:32 AM: I'm calling you from my dressing room at *Dancing with the Stars*. We go live at 5:00 here. We have TelePrompTer walkthrough at 1:00, and a full dress rehearsal at 2:00, but I usually get here at exactly 9:45 for breakfast

(coffee and yogurt) and to get my hair started. My hairstylist is from Minnesota too—Brooks Stenstrom from White Bear Lake. I met him in 2002 when I was doing *AMC Access*, an *Access Hollywood* show on AMC.

FRIDAY 8:45 PM: It's after the results show. Quite the upset: Master P survived another week. My mom, Bonnie Harris Shapiro, is in town. I'm fried, so we're just going to get something to eat at Café Veneto, this delightful little Italian place on 3rd Street.

SATURDAY 10:10 PM: My mom, my husband, and I are at an ABC party in Pasadena, at the Wind Tunnel at the Art Center College of Design. It's an old wind tunnel that's been converted into a party space. I'm having so much fun! My mom saw me walk the red carpet, and I wasn't the interviewer for once, but the interviewee—so that was a nice change of pace. And then we ate out here, and the food was wonderful. And then the dancing started. My husband doesn't really like to dance, so he told me, "You go and have some fun, honey." A lot of the professional dancing staff of *Dancing with the Stars* are here, and I got to show them I can actually move a bit



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