

EXCLUSIVE!

Strictly
Christmas
special

Ian is Ren from Footloose

Lithe and lively Ian burst into the studio with the same energy as Kevin Bacon in the 1984 film *Footloose*. 'Who doesn't love that movie?' he smiles. 'I wasn't looking forward to wearing tight stonewashed jeans, though, they're not really my style.' And Ian knows all about style...

Before *Strictly*, Ian designed all his professional partners' costumes, and still has a say in how his celebrity partners look. 'If I wasn't a dancer I'd be a designer, I love clothes,' he confesses.

This year, Ian danced with former model Jodie Kidd. 'Jodie has no interest in clothes at all!' Ian tells us. 'I used to despair of what she wore to rehearsals, never mind the show itself!'

Ian has been winning accolades for dancing since he was a child. 'My parents split up when I was very young and my dad dragged me to dance lessons so he could meet women!' he jokes.



Ian jumped at the chance of playing this part, even though stonewashed jeans aren't his scene!



Kevin Bacon played Ren in the classic Eighties dance movie

'Footloose, footloose...'



'...kick off your Sunday shoes...'

'Everybody cut footloose!'

