


**I BURST INTO TEARS  
BEFORE EVERY SHOW**



Furthermore, a late-night spin-off of *Doctor Who*, is being filmed in April.

On the big occasion, Dancing On Ice star John Barrowman's nerves have left him wanting. Wanting to cry and wet himself, to be precise!

**D**ancing On Ice contestant John Barrowman may look like a cool customer on the ice rink, but nothing could be further from the truth. Before every show, his nerves are so bad he starts to cry and feels like wetting himself.

John, who's a professional dancer, admits: 'Just as we're about to go on, I get really emotional and feel like bursting into tears. My nerves are overwhelming.

"I can do a song and dance on stage, no problem, but ice skating is foreign to me. Millions of people are watching and it's so nerve-racking. I look at my dance partner Olga (Sharutenko) and she tells me: 'Just go out and have fun,' and my eyes actually well up."

I ask my grandma and my aunt Dorothy, who've both passed away, to see me through as I feel they're watching over me. Once

I step on the ice, though. I'm OK.

The skintight costumes don't help ease John's pre-show fears. 'I always feel like peeing myself because the costume is so frigging tight,' he says. 'It's like I'm going to spring a leak and have a wet stain on my costume.'

John, 38, star of *Doctor Who* and a veteran of West End musicals, is the overwhelming favourite to be crowned the winner of the TVI skating competition, ahead

**I'm a bit about the ice**

On stage with Rob Lowe in *A Few Good Men*

A couple of times, she's even lifted me up so that I don't fall on the ice. I'm 6ft 1in and over 11st, and she weighs nothing.

'She's the most fantastic partner. Other contestants say there's a little bit of tension going on with their partners, but the only word of anger she's ever said to me is to tell me to concentrate. Some of the other

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come at a price, physically and emotionally. John has seen more of Olga, 27, than he has of his partner of 10 years Scott Gill, 42. 'We spend three hours on the ice every day and upwards of 12 hours on Thursdays and Fridays. It's hard work,' he says. 'Recently I've started going back to the gym—I let myself go over Christmas. I have to do these exercises that make me look like I'm having sex with the wall. It hurts like \*\*\*\*'

and starring in BBC1's music talent contest *The Sound Of Musicals*, he hopes to tie the knot with architect Scott in a gay civil partnership in the near future. He says: 'We haven't set a date, but it'll be very quiet. No big Elton John-style wedding. No pink suits - that's not me. I'll be wearing a traditional black tuxedo. I'm just a regular guy who happens to like men.'

"I don't want to dress like a woman or act like a woman, although that doesn't mean I haven't done so for a joke. I'm a guy who likes to do guy things."

In April, John will start filming scenes for the late-night *Doctor Who* spin-off *Torchwood*, playing omnisexual Captain Jack Harkness. He says: "I hope I'll be as popular as *Doctor Who* with the fans. It's an urban drama that'll deal with alien and present-time issues. It's *The X-Files* with a bit of sexual stuff and humour."

John met the new *Doctor Who* David Tennant, 34, for the first time when David saw John in pantomime a few weeks ago. "He turned up at my dressing room door and I thought: 'Oh my God, it's *Doctor Who*.'"

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**I'm a bit nervous about going on the ice now**

John has appeared in the West End musical *Sunset Boulevard* alongside Elaine Paige.