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Star Dancer Dazzles The Mall of Monroe

American audiences have come to know **Maksim Chmerkovskiy** as “the bad boy of the ballroom” on the ABC television series *Dancing With the Stars*. On Monday, December 21, he’ll be lighting up the dance floor at the newly renovated Mall of Monroe. The free event, which runs from 2 – 6 PM, will feature Chmerkovskiy dazzling the crowd, greeting his fans and maybe even teaching some lucky ladies the latest Latin Ballroom steps.

Born on January 17, 1980, in Odessa, in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic of the former USSR, Chmerkovskiy began dancing at the age of four. Today, Chmerkovskiy is not only a dance champion, but an instructor and the owner of three dance studios in the New York City area. Chmerkovskiy first appeared in the second season of the ABC series *Dancing With The Stars* partnered with actress Tia Carrere. In subsequent seasons, Chmerkovskiy has paired up with singers Willa Ford and Mel B, boxer Laila Ali, Olympic volleyball gold medalist, Misty May-Treanor, and actresses Denise Richards and Debi Mazar.

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The Mall of Monroe is located at 2121 N. Monroe Street in Frenchtown Township, MI. Encompassing 620,000 square feet, it has been serving the people of southeast Michigan since 1988. The Mall of Monroe has just undergone a dramatic multi-million dollar renovation, complete with new flooring, natural lighting, soft seating areas, exterior entrance features and an all-new food court. In Spring 2010, parents of small children will be able to enjoy a custom-made soft-play area.

The Mall of Monroe is owned and managed in association with Cafaro affiliated companies, based in Youngstown, Ohio. One of the nation's largest privately held shopping center developers, the Cafaro organization owns and oversees more than 30 million square feet of commercial real estate in 11 states. Founded by the late William M. Cafaro in the 1940's, the firm is now celebrating more than 60 years as a family owned and managed business. For more information, visit online at www.cafarocompany.com and themallofmonroe.com.

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