

It's Viva Las Vegas for "Dancing with the Stars" winners J.R. Martinez and Karina Smirnoff, who plan to capture America's hearts once again with a spectacular new show.

J.R., 28, and Karina, 33, are hoping to bring their electrifying dancing to a casino along the Strip, according to Sin City super-promoter Jack Wishna.

The showman - who has previously brokered Las Vegas concert deals for Michael Jackson and Britney Spears - told The ENQUIRER: "J.R. and Karina won 'Dancing with the Stars' on Nov. 22, and the very next morning I got a call from their management company to see if I could help them.

"They would like to do a big New Year's Eve show or possibly a dance revue on a regular

basis. Las Vegas thrives on their kind of showmanship and razzle-dazzle.

"J.R. is a war vet who's struck a chord with TV viewers for his bravery and valor. He's an inspiration to everyone. And Karina is very talented, not only as a dancer and choreographer, but also as a costumer.

"The two of them want to capitalize on their popularity, so they brainstormed with my team here."

Wishna divulged they've come up with "a couple of different options" for J.R. and Karina, including the possibility of having her choreograph a show "which would spotlight J.R. and some of the other talent on 'DWTS.'"

"THE SHOW WOULD BE AN EVENT, staged in one of the big casinos in Vegas. We want to strike while the iron's hot."

A "DWTS" source added: "A Las Vegas deal could mean millions of dollars.

"It could include a multimedia show, taking you through J.R.'s life from his high school football star-

"DWTS" winners Karina Smirnoff and J.R. Martinez with their mirror ball trophy.

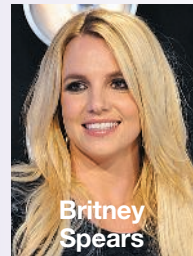


J.R. Martinez WALTZING TO VEGAS

'Dancing' champ & partner Karina hoping to headline extravaganza



Michael Jackson



Britney Spears



J.R. before he was injured in Iraq

dom, to his military service in Iraq, the fateful explosion which almost killed him, and his victory on the dance floor.

"It would be a real crowd-pleaser."

Wishna pointed out that Las Vegas deeply appreciates the sacrifices of our military men and women and

"rolls out the red carpet for our wounded warriors.

"This would be a perfect place for J.R. He has the potential to be a big star here!"

Former soap opera star J.R. is at least temporarily kicking off his dancing shoes and picking up a pen to write his memoirs, as The ENQUIRER recently revealed. And

he's telling pals that he wants to play himself when his life story hits the big screen.

Said the source: "Conquering Vegas will be another chapter in his incredible success story."

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The dancing duo visit "Good Morning America" on Nov. 23