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Tom Selleck PUTS ON HIS 'DANCING' SHOES

AT 63, Tom Selleck will be getting his groove on in the upcoming season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." The ENQUIRER has learned exclusively – and he's got his old "Three Men and a Baby" buddy Steve Guttenberg to thank for the gig.

Steve was so thrilled by his experience last season on the hit celebrity-dance show that he suggested his old co-star when producers began looking for a contestant who'd catch the eye of middle-aged women.

"THE 'DWTS' EXECs WANTED AN OLDER 'HUNK' to bring in the baby boomer audience, and Steve told them to consider Tom," an insider told The ENQUIRER.

"Tom is incredibly popular with women 40 through 65, and producers were ecstatic when, at Steve's urging, he expressed interest in competing on the show. Steve is the reason Tom has signed on for season seven."

Appearing on "Dancing with the Stars" was "a big jump-start for Steve's career," revealed a source.

"From 2006

to 2008, he was doing mainly TV work – and now he has five film deals."

Tom, who starred on "Magnum, P.I." for eight years, has been doing scripted television since 1969, but lately he has been looking for something new. "Tom has been itching to work in front of a live audience," disclosed the source.

The show's new season kicks off with a three-night live premiere, beginning Sept. 22.

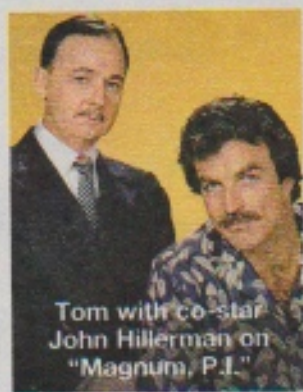
"Tom's stayed in great shape over the years," said the source, "and he's ready to dance."

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'Magnum'
star still
in **GREAT**
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Tom with co-star
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"Magnum, P.I."

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