



## Joe Swash



Joseph Swash (born 20 January 1982 in London) is a English actor who played Mickey Miller in the British television soap opera EastEnders. He is the older brother of Shana Swash, who played his on-screen younger sister Demi Miller until July 2006. He also won the TV reality show I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! on 5 December 2008.

Swash studied at Highbury Grove School in Islington, and attended Anna Scher Theatre School on the advice of his mother's friend, actress Linda Robson. Swash attended the school with Natalie Cassidy, James Alexandrou and Brooke Kinsella, who he would later go on to work with in EastEnders.

Joe was about to give up on the idea of becoming an actor when he won a role in BBC's EastEnders. He was cast as Mickey Miller and made his first appearance in EastEnders in April 2003 as a recurring character. Owing to a positive viewer reception, producer Louise Berridge turned Mickey into a regular character, and his on-screen family arrived a year later, including Mickey's little sister Demi, who was played by Swash's real sister, Shana. On 26 February 2008, it was announced that Joe Swash, along with the actor who plays his stepfather, David Spinx, were both being written out of EastEnders in a "big explosive storyline". He made his final appearance in July 2008.

In November 2008 Joe entered the Australian jungle to appear in the British reality television show I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!, which he went on to win. Bookmakers immediately listed him as favourite to win the show, and he maintained that status for the entirety of the series.

In February 2009, Swash, along with TV presenter Tim Vincent, become the Guinness World Record Holder for throwing the most pancakes to a partner as part of a challenge on Channel 4's The Paul O'Grady Show.

Swash is an avid Arsenal supporter and holds a season ticket at the Emirates Stadium.