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chess super-model





## Carmen Kass

### Date of birth

September 14, 1978 (age 29) , virgo

### Place of birth

Paide, Estonia

### Height

5 ft 10 in (1.78 m)

### Hair color

Light Brown

### Eye color

Green

### Measurements

86-61-86

### Agency

Women Model Management New York

Baltic Models

Brave Model Management Milan

Silent Models Paris

International Creative Management

London

**Carmen Kass** (born September 14, 1978 in Paide, Estonia) is an Estonian supermodel.

## Modeling career

Kass grew up in the Estonian city of Paide. When she was a little girl, she lived in a cramped apartment in Sika village with her mother, who worked on a farm. At the age of fourteen, she was 'discovered' in a Tallinn supermarket by an Italian modeling scout. Kass had wanted to compete for the Miss Estonia title, but an offer to fly to Milan, Italy, to start a modeling career seemed like a more glamorous and lucrative option.



Kass officially moved to Paris at the age of 18. Soon after, she received exposure on the cover of magazines worldwide, such as *Vogue* (France) in 1997, *ELLE* (Australia), *Image* (UK), *Madame Figaro*, *Numéro France*, *Vogue* (France), and *Vogue* (US) in 1999.

In 1999, Kass modeled for top designers such as Marc Jacobs, Michael Kors, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, Dolce & Gabbana, Gucci,

Prada, Versace, Fendi, Chanel, Chloe, Valentino, Louis Vuitton, and Givenchy.

In addition, Kass has posed in numerous advertisements for Calvin Klein, Chanel, Donna Karan, Givenchy, Fendi, Michael Kors, Versace, and also for General Motors. She is also recognized for her appearances in a The Gap denim advertising campaign. Kass was a spokesperson for Sephora, one of the world's leading cosmetics retailers, and the Christian Dior perfume, *J'adore*.

Kass was awarded by *Vogue* as "Model of the Year" at the 2000 VH1/Vogue Fashion Awards.

As of 2006, she has appeared in campaigns for Dsquared, Pedro del Hierro, Michael Kors and Chloé with Malgosia Bela. In 2007, Kass has got ten campaigns only for the spring/summer collection, including Versace, Michael Kors, Pucci, Jones New York, Salvatore Ferragamo, Gap, Peek & Cloppenburg, Bedat & Co, Time and Et Vous?.

She has now signed to be Max Factor newest spokesperson.

Kass is well-known for her distinctive runway walk. A quirk of the Estonian supermodel is that while she is very tall, her feet are quite small (about an American size seven). It is said that she sometimes simply falls out of her shoes while walking.

## Other endeavors

In 2004, Kass starred in the Estonian murder-mystery film *Täna öösel me ei maga* (*We Won't Sleep Tonight*). The international release was retitled *Set Point*.



Also, in February 2004, she joined Estonia's ruling Res Publica Party. Kass ran for the European Parliament after her homeland joined the European Union in May 2004. She won about 2000 votes from the Estonian

electorate, but was not elected to the European Parliament

## Carmen in Mainz

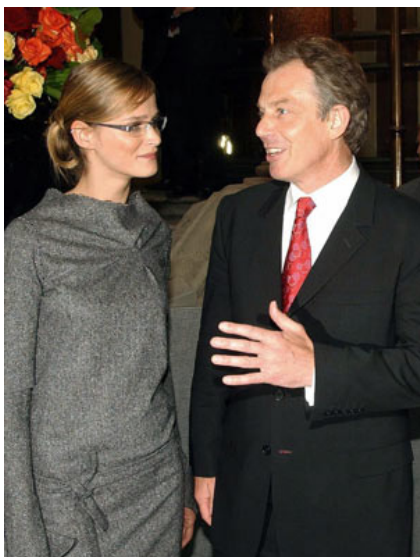
Kass plays chess and was elected president of the Estonian National Chess League in 2004. She ran a campaign to obtain the right to organize the 2008 Chess Olympics in Tallinn; however, that right was given to Dresden, Germany.



The president of the Estonian Chess Federation takes on the world's number two Vishy Anand with, as far as we can see, the unorthodox Sicilian with 1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 e6 3.Qe2 Nc6. This is of course all theory, and in the picture above Carmen is about to play the common continuation 4.Nf3.

Carmen Kass in full concentration mode in her game

against Anand, who, we are told, was so confused by his spectacular opponent that he offered her a draw instead of delivering a forced mate.



With British Prime Minister Tony Blair at the Unification of Europe party, April 28, 2004

## Personal life

Kass has dated Leonardo DiCaprio and restaurant owner Richie Akiva. She is currently involved with Eric Lobron, a German chess champion.

<http://www.modelobserver.com/carmenkass.html>  
[http://www.celebwelove.com/Carmen\\_Kass/puzzle.html](http://www.celebwelove.com/Carmen_Kass/puzzle.html)

## Spring 2008 Ready-to-Wear Versace - Runway





The face of Chanel, fall 2003. Photographed by Karl Lagerfeld.



Accepting the Model of the Year award at the 2000 VH1/Vogue Fashion Awards, October 20, 2000.



