

## Christy Turlington



Christy Turlington has built a multi-faceted and diverse career, which has positioned her as a respectable figure in the fashion, cosmetic, and business worlds. Having appeared on hundreds of magazine covers throughout the world, she has established long-term affiliations with many of the world's most recognizable luxury brands.

After leaving the runway in 1994, she completed her undergraduate education at New York University with a major in philosophy and comparative religion. Turlington then devoted more time to her personal interests and entrepreneurial efforts. In July 1999, she merged her interest in travel writing and trekking to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Her journey was published in *Women's Sports & Fitness*. This year, Christy traveled to Greenland on a travel writing assignment for *Harpers Bazaar*.

As an avid yoga practitioner, Turlington has combined her background in philosophy and yoga to create a clothing line called NUALA and a luxury skin care line called SUNDARI. Also this fall, Turlington's name will serve as Editor-at-large of the *Yoga Journal*.

Turlington, a former smoker, is "lending a face" for *Lung Cancer Awareness Week 2003*. In 1996, her father was diagnosed with late-stage lung cancer and he died just six months later. As a smoker for 50 years, the disease wasn't a surprise, but Turlington and her family were dismayed at the lack of information and support available to lung cancer patients and loved ones. Her father's experience has inspired Turlington to share her story so others can learn from their experience.

Turlington has also serves as a spokesperson for American Cancer Society's *The Great American Smoke Out*, and in 1998 contributed as the key witness in Senator Frank Lautenberg's national hearing on tobacco. She has also worked closely with former Vice President Al Gore and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help educate teens about the dangers of smoking. Through appearances in national anti-smoking campaigns that Turlington helped produce, and participation in youth conferences, she has brought attention to issues of prevention and cessation. Due to her dedication to this cause, Turlington was invited to host this year's Youth Advocate of the Year Awards through Tobacco Free Kids in Washington D.C. She was also commissioned by *Teen Vogue* to write a testimonial story for their premiere issue.

Through her company Turly, Inc. and the Christy Turlington Foundation, she supports various other causes close to her heart including grassroots environmental causes, women's issues and children's organizations. The daughter of a Salvadoran mother, Turlington continues to support post-war El Salvador.

Turlington graduated Cum Laude in the spring of 1999 from New York University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Born and raised in Northern California, Turlington currently resides in New York City.

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