

= Lily Cole =

Lily Luahana Cole ( born 27 December 1987 ) [ n 1 ] is an English actress and entrepreneur .

Cole pursued a modelling career as a teenager and was listed in 2009 by Vogue Paris as one of the top 30 models of the 2000s . She was booked for her first British Vogue cover at age 16 , named " Model of the Year " at the 2004 British Fashion Awards , and worked with many well @-@ known brands , including Alexander McQueen , Chanel , Louis Vuitton , Jean Paul Gaultier and Moschino . Her advertising campaigns have included Longchamp , Anna Sui , Rimmel and Cacharel .

Cole 's first leading role as an actress was as Valentina in the 2009 film The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus . Her other film work includes Passages , a short directed by Shekhar Kapur and There Be Dragons , directed by Roland Joffé . In 2013 Cole founded impossible.com , a website that hosts wishes and requests for assistance .

= = Early life and education = =

Cole was born in Torquay , Devon to Patience Owen , an artist and writer , and Chris Cole , a fisherman and boat builder . She and her sister were raised by their mother in London .

Cole attended Hallfield Primary School , the Sylvia Young Theatre School , and St Marylebone School . At Latymer Upper School , where she completed her sixth form studies , she achieved A grades in her A @-@ levels in English , politics , and philosophy and ethics .

She gained a place to read Social and Political Sciences at King 's College , Cambridge in 2006 , deferring entry twice . In 2008 she switched to history of art and graduated in 2011 with a double first .

= = Modelling = =

= = = Magazines and fashion shows = = =

Cole was photographed in 2001 at age 13 by fashion photographer Mariano Vivanco . According to the Evening Standard in 2004 , her modelling career began in 2003 when she was approached in the street by Benjamin Hart of Storm Models . She signed with Storm and in 2003 was photographed by Steven Meisel for Italian Vogue . Her distinctive red hair attracted significant media attention . At the 2004 British Fashion Awards , she was named " Model of the Year " .

Cole worked with many prominent photographers , including Craig McDean , Nick Knight , Juergen Teller , Arthur Elgort , Irving Penn and Tim Walker . She has appeared on the covers of Playboy in France , Vogue , Citizen K , and V , among others . She featured on Vogue 's " best dressed " list in December 2005 , and had cover appearances on Numéro and Interview .

She modelled on the international runway circuit and at many fashion shows on behalf of Chanel , Shiatzy Chen , DKNY , Jean Paul Gaultier , Versace , Alexander McQueen , Jasper Conran , John Galiano and Louis Vuitton . She was nominated , for the second time , for the " Model of the Year " award at the 2007 British Fashion Awards . In December 2009 she was listed by Vogue Paris as one of the top 30 models of the 2000s . Cole made a cover appearance on the January 2010 issue of the Canadian Elle and opened Hermès 's winter 2010 / 2011 collection at Paris Fashion Week in March . Towards the end of 2010 , she featured in a documentary chronicling the career of Rolf Harris in which he painted her dressing up as Titania from A Midsummer Night 's Dream .

During the Closing Ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics , Cole was one of the British models wearing fashions created by British designers specifically for the event .

= = = Advertising = = =

Cole has appeared in advertising campaigns for Chanel , Christian Lacroix , Hermès , Longchamp , Cacharel , Topshop and Anna Sui cosmetics , as well as being the face for Moschino 's perfume " I

Love Love " . In September 2007 , Cole was announced as the follow @-@ up model for Accessorize , taking the place of Claudia Schiffer , also designing a line of handbags for the collection .

Cole has been modelling for cosmetics company Rimmel London since October 2009 , as well as featuring in advertisements for jewellers Tiffany & Co . Along with Twiggy and others , Cole became a " face " of Marks and Spencer clothes advertising campaign , making her the youngest model to become involved in a campaign for the line .

She launched a campaign in June 2010 at Gatwick Airport for modelling agency , Storm Model Management . The campaign aims to find new modelling talent from people passing through the airport , with the agency hoping to re @-@ create the discovery of Kate Moss , who was spotted at JFK Airport in 1988 by the agency 's founder .

In March 2012 The Body Shop launched its Beauty With Heart campaign , naming Cole as its first ambassador .

= = Acting = =

= = = Films = = =

Cole made her acting debut as Polly in the 2007 comedy St. Trinian 's , a rework of the black and white films of the 1950s and ' 60s , alongside Rupert Everett , Colin Firth , Russell Brand , Jodie Whittaker and Stephen Fry .

Her first leading role came in Terry Gilliam 's 2009 fantasy film , The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus , playing Valentina , the teenage daughter of Christopher Plummer 's title character , Dr Parnassus , whom Parnassus has promised to the Devil ( Tom Waits ) upon her 16th birthday . Acting alongside Heath Ledger ( who died before filming had finished ) , Cole , in an interview for the Daily Telegraph admitted that , at times , she felt out of her depth in the role- saying ? I ? d only done a couple of films and here I was surrounded by amazing actors like Christopher Plummer and Heath Ledger , and it was intimidating at times , ? also describing the role as " the biggest role I ? ve ever done " .

Gilliam said of Cole : ? She has an amazing look and grasps what is required so very quickly . If she wants a career as an actress , she has a brilliant future ? . According to Mark Olsen of The Los Angeles Times , writing as Parnassus was released in the United States , " Cole brings a surprising well of emotional tenderness to her part as Valentina " , while Ryan Michael Painter wrote of the film on ' inthisweek.com ' that " all of the performances are delightful , particularly Cole 's as Valentina , proving that the haute couture model has more to offer this world than a pretty face " .

Cole appeared at the 34th Toronto International Film Festival in December 2009 to promote Parnassus . She was featured as herself in one episode of the online series T Takes , a series of short , improvised films published by The New York Times . Cole appeared as " Lettuce Leaf " , a celebrity supermodel in the 2009 film , Rage , directed by Sally Potter . Cole also played " Aline " in the 2011 film There Be Dragons .

In January 2010 , Cole gave an interview to the Canadian edition of Elle in which she expressed her desire to focus more on acting than on her modelling career , saying she " wouldn 't want to treat acting as a convenient thing to do now and again " , going on to mention her roles in the upcoming films There Be Dragons and Phantasmagoria : The Visions of Lewis Carroll and saying of her modelling " I 've been doing modelling for years and I feel like I 've taken out of it what I need to and I 'm ready for new things " and that " film asks for a much bigger emotional and intellectual commitment . " Cole had a part in Mary Harron 's The Moth Diaries , which was released in 2012 .

= = = Other roles = = =

Cole made a minor appearance in the music video for the Girls Aloud / Sugababes cover of " Walk This Way " in aid of the British telethon charity Comic Relief , in which she struts up and down a

catwalk in " hilarious ways " , interspersed by the bands and several well @-@ known British television personalities . Cole had another minor role in Primal Scream 's 2008 video " Can ? t Go Back " , in which she and other models featured in a horror @-@ style video based on the films of Dario Argento . The models , including Cole , are graphically " murdered " and " meet their ends in rather striking ways " with the aim of looking " hot even when dead " . Cole again starred in a music video for Sir Paul McCartney 's song Queenie Eye featuring a number of actors and musicians including Gary Barlow , James Corden , Jude Law and Johnny Depp .

It was reported in October 2009 that Cole would make her stage debut at the Old Vic Theatre in London 's West End at the theatre 's annual " 24 Hour Plays " held in November , but " scheduling commitments " forced her to pull out . Cole ultimately made her stage début at the ADC Theatre in Cambridge , as Nina in a student production of The Seagull .

She appeared in " The Curse of the Black Spot " , the third episode of the sixth series of science fiction series Doctor Who , in May 2011 . She played a Sea Siren .

Cole stars in the music video for Yeah Yeah Yeahs 2013 single " Sacrilege " as a woman burned alive by the many men and women that she 's had affairs with .

= = Charity work = =

= = = Overview = = =

Cole supports a variety of humanitarian and environmental causes . She is an ambassador for children 's charity Global Angels . She also supports the charity WaterAid , speaking for the organisation 's " End Water Poverty " campaign , and the Environmental Justice Foundation Cole has modelled a T @-@ shirt with the slogan " Save the Future " to fight child labour in the fashion industry for the Environmental Justice Foundation . Most recently Cole put a plaster cast bust of her torso on the auction site eBay to raise money for British telethon charity Comic Relief .

In December 2009 , Cole attended a party , hosted by Elton John for which guests were asked to design their ideal bar with the designs then sold at auction in aid of the Elton John AIDS Foundation .

In October 2010 , she helped launch the World Land Trust 's Emerald for Elephant Exhibition , which was designed to create awareness and raise important funds for the protection of the critically endangered Asian elephant .

In August 2012 , she was part of the judging panel at the Festival of Code , held at the culmination of Young Rewired State 2012 .

In 2013 , PETA cited her efforts to make consumers aware of animal products in cosmetics and declared her to be one of the " Sexiest Vegetarians " of the year .

= = = Environmental campaigning = = =

In 2005 Cole announced she would no longer model for De Beers after being alerted to the situation of the Kalahari Bushmen being evicted from their lands in Botswana .

Cole wrote the foreword for Tamsin Blanchard 's 2007 book Green Is The New Black , a guide to being fashionable while remaining eco @-@ friendly .

In 2013 it was announced that Cole would receive the Doctor of Letters for her " outstanding contribution to humanitarian and environmental causes " from the chancellor of Glasgow Caledonian University , Professor Muhammad Yunus .

Cole was one of several celebrities who endorsed the parliamentary candidacy of the Green Party 's Caroline Lucas at the 2015 general election .

= = Business activities = =

Cole is the founder of socially networked gift economy website , impossible.com ; a website that

promotes requests for and offering of gifts and assistance . Cole is also part @-@ owner of a London bookshop .

Cole was involved in creating an environmentally friendly knitwear company , The North Circular , which launched in 2009 . The North Circular products are hand knit in the UK with British yarns , from which 5 % of all profits , and all of Cole 's , are donated to the Environmental Justice Foundation . She launched a womenswear range for the company in February 2010 .

= = Personal life = =

On 28 February 2015 , Cole announced she was expecting her first child with partner Kwame Ferreira . Cole announced on 11 September 2015 that she had given birth to a daughter .

= = Filmography = =