

= Frankie Rayder =

Francesca " Frankie " Rayder (born Heidi Rayder ; January 26 , 1975) is an American model who appeared in the annual Victoria 's Secret Fashion Show four times and in the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue twice . She has an extensive portfolio of covergirl appearances for numerous high fashion magazines and was once a VH1 / Vogue Fashion Awards for Model of the Year nominee . She has performed in many runway shows and has been featured in numerous print ad campaigns . At the peak of her fame , she was an it girl according to The New York Times and GQ once named her the Sexiest Woman in the World .

She is well known for her print work for Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issues (including the 40th Anniversary) , The Gap holiday ads (along with her sisters) , a Godiva Chocolatier ad campaign and the 50th anniversary Ann Taylor ad campaign . She has appeared on the cover of US Vogue , Vogue Paris , Vogue Italia , British Vogue , German Vogue and Vogue España .

Rayder was engaged to Red Hot Chili Peppers bass player , Flea , with whom she has one child . After giving birth in 2005 , she took a hiatus from modeling until 2008 . At first , she only returned to print work , but she has also returned to runway modeling in 2009 . In her comeback , she achieved a Vogue España cover in February 2009 . She has a younger sister , Missy Rayder , who is also a fashion model .

= = Early years = =

Rayder was born in River Falls , Wisconsin , where she was known as Heidi Rayder . As a teenager , she moved to Minneapolis , Minnesota , a large city close to her home town , where she was first approached by a model scout who spurred her interest in the industry . Her first major success came in 1992 , when she met photographer Steven Meisel . Meisel booked her for a photo session , which became the first of many . Rayder 's first session were soon featured in the magazine Italian Glamour . She is a graduate of River Falls High School , where she played for the basketball team , and she began her modeling career with Caryn Modeling & Talent Agency in Minneapolis . She worked at a golf clubhouse in her youth . She was given the stage name Francesca to seem more exotic .

= = Career highlights = =

Rayder made her Paris runway debut on the 1997 fall runway for designers like Chanel , Christian Lacroix , and Dries van Noten . In 1998 , she was in high demand and her booking prices were sometimes bid up to \$ 25 @, @ 000 by clients hoping to pay her enough to cancel other appearances . In 1999 , she became the face of Givenchy and Meisel photographed her for Dolce & Gabbana and Versace ad campaigns . In the fall of 2000 , The New York Times referred to her and her sister collectively as the famous Rayder Sisters . At the same time , it also described Frankie as an it girl .

In 1999 , she became the face of Givenchy . During Fashion Week 1999 in New York City , Rayder was booked solid for four or five shows a day for designers such as Marc Jacobs , Badgley Mischka , Daryl K , Tommy Hilfiger and John Bartlett in typical day . In 2000 , she was one of the top @-@ priced models . That season she modelled in the Victoria 's Secret Fashion Show . Later that year she was a nominee at the 2000 VH1 / Vogue Fashion Awards for Model of the year along with Gisele Bündchen , Carmen Kass , Angela Lindvall , and Maggie Rizer , but Kass was the winner after defending @-@ winner Bündchen withdrew to host the show .

In 2003 she became the face of Chanel . Rayder worked New York Fashion Week for top designers for several years . During the 40h Anniversary Swimsuit Issue shooting , Stewart Shining photographed Rayder . Rayder is , along with Cheryl Tiegs and Melissa Keller , one of several models associated with Minnesota who have made a name in the Swimsuit Issue . She has also appeared in 1999 , 2000 , 2002 , and 2003 Victoria 's Secret fashion shows and a cameo role in the 2001 movie Zoolander . In the early 2000s , GQ named her the Sexiest Woman in the World .

In 2004 , she was one of the featured models (along with Linda Evangelista , Patti Hansen and her daughters Alexandra and Theodora Richards , Twiggy , and Beverly Johnson) in the 50 @-@ model 50th Anniversary Ann Taylor ad campaign photographed by Annie Leibovitz . Rayder was also mentioned in the press for several months for an ad campaign for Godiva Chocolatier . In 2005 , she appeared in ads , which also included models such as Sophie Dahl , and Anouck Lepere , where the models posed lovingly with chocolate goods for Valentine 's Day in Vogue , Harper 's Bazaar , and Elle . The promotion was for chocolate products that came with a " lottery " ticket that potentially could give the buyer 52 pairs of Manolo Blahnik shoes , including one custom @-@ designed by Blahnik himself . The ads began receiving publicity in the fall of 2004 .

Between 2004 and 2009 , Rayder took a hiatus from runway modeling . She returned to the stage in New York in February 2009 for the Fall 2009 show . She had previously made a return to print work in fall 2008 advertisement campaigns for both Stella McCartney and Roberto Cavalli and for the 2008 Gap holiday campaign . Rayder also became part of The Gap 's United States and Japan 2009 spring / summer campaigns . As part of her comeback , Rayder performed covergirl work for the February 2009 Vogue España and one of fourteen alternative covers for the September 2008 V magazine .

= = Notable affiliations and appearances = =

Following her success , Rayder traveled to Miami Beach , New York , Paris , London , and Milan , working for a number of agencies such as Company , Women Model Management , Page 305 , City Models , Take Two , Storm , and Why Not . Her advertisement portfolio includes Givenchy , Valentino , Lagerfeld , Chanel , Gucci , Dolce & Gabbana , Versace , DKNY , Gap , and Tommy Hilfiger . Rayder has also worked for designers such as Anne Klein , Matthew Williamson , Zac Posen , Marc Jacobs , Donna Karan , Carolina Herrera , and Michael Kors , and appeared in a number of magazines , including Elle , Vogue , The Face , Photo , Harper 's Bazaar , Allure , Rebel , and Marie Claire . Her magazine cover credits include : US Vogue (November 2000) , Vogue Paris (April 1999) , Vogue Italia (January 1999) , British Vogue (April 1999 , July 1999 , November 1999 , January 2001) , German Vogue (September 1997 , May 2000) , Vogue España (July 2000 , January 2004 , February 2009) , Vogue South Korea (December 2000) , Vogue Brazil (September 2000) , Elle France (August 2000) , Elle United States (August 2000) , and Elle Germany (September 1992) . She was also featured in the 2004 (40th Anniversary) and 2005 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue . She appeared in the video for Phoenix 's " Funky Squaredance , " which was directed by her then @-@ boyfriend Roman Coppola .

= = Personal life = =

In 2002 Rayder was falsely linked to Nicolas Cage after his relationship with Lisa Marie Presley ended and when she was dating his cousin Roman Coppola . Her relationship with Coppola was widely chronicled and serious ; that year , she was close to marrying the son of Francis Ford Coppola by some accounts . Early in her career Frankie and her sister Missy lived across the street from each other . They were featured together on the May 2000 cover of Harper 's Bazaar . The Rayder sisters (along with a third sister named Molly) appeared in holiday advertisements for Gap as siblings in 2003 to the tune of " Put a Little Love in Your Heart " . In later years , Missy and Frankie appeared in Gap holiday advertisements as a pair .

In 2004 , Rayder started dating Red Hot Chili Peppers ' bass player , Michael " Flea " Balzary . In January 2005 the couple publicly announced their engagement . On October 26 , 2005 Rayder gave birth to her first child , a daughter named Sunny Bebop Balzary . Flea 's former bandmate , John Frusciante , is Sunny 's godfather . The song , " Hard to Concentrate " from the Red Hot Chili Peppers ' 2006 album , Stadium Arcadium was written by Anthony Kiedis as a wedding proposal for Flea and Rayder .

There are a total of four Rayder sisters and they have one brother and her father continued to live in River Falls in 2004 . Rayder and Balzary live together in Malibu , California . Some sources state

that the couple have married , but no official confirmation is available .

In the September 2010 issue of C magazine , Frankie is featured with a group of women friends known as " The L.A. Ladies Choir " which meets at her and Flea 's house in Los Feliz . The article goes on to mention that Flea is her husband and that he joins the women 's group playing bass . The choir 's group is coming out with their first album in September named " Joyfully . "

Rayder is a knowledgeable Boston Red Sox fan , and she is also a Green Bay Packers fan . Rayder has volunteered her time for programs for youth in the arts . Rayder has a tattoo on her back .