

## Stam

Jessica Stam was born in Kincardine, Ontario. She was raised on the family farm, the only girl along side 2 older and 4 younger brothers. One day, while at an amusement park with her friends, a talent scout in Canada noticed something special and unique about Stam's "look" and approached her to ask if she had ever considered modeling. Stam decided to give it a try and was immediately signed by a local modeling agency.

It was however, **Steven Meisel** who gave Stam her big break by shooting two **Italian Vogue** covers for the illustrious September issue, and using her exclusively for the new face of **Valentino's** Fall/Winter 2003 campaign. Since then, Stam has appeared in advertisements for **Miu Miu, Cerruti, Marc Jacobs, Dolce & Gabbana, Atsuro Tayama, H&M, Kenzo**, and two seasons in a row for **Prada**. She can currently be seen starring in Fall 2005 ads for **BCBG, H&M, Burberry, Bulgari**, as well being the face of **Anna Sui's** fragrance, "Dolly Girl".

Top fashion magazines including **Vogue** (American & Italian) **W, Harper's Bazaar, The Face, Numero, W, V**, and **PoP** all feature Stam on a regular basis. She has been featured on an astonishing total of six **Italian Vogue** covers, as well appearing on the covers of **Japanese Vogue, Numero, Spur, i-D** and **10**.

In the short time that Stam has been modeling, she has already had the opportunity to work with such noted photographers as **Irving Penn, Mario Testino, Peter Lindbergh, Craig Mcdean, David Sims, Vincent Peters, Juergen Teller, Thomas Schenk, Michel Comte, Glen Luchford, Terry Richardson, Nick Knight, Richard Burbridge, Mickael Jansson, Tom Munro, Carter Smith, Satoshi** and **Mert & Marcus**.

Stam has already established herself as one of Fashions newest and brightest international stars. This Canadian beauty has even prompted numerous written articles regarding the new wave of Canadian "it"-girls. Given her amazing rise to success so far, there is no doubt that Stam's career is destined for greatness.

Stam currently lives in New York City's East Village, is a certified lifeguard, Scuba diver, and loves to keep active by playing sports.