

CHARLIE'S GRANDDAUGHTER KIERA CHAPLIN ON LOVE, SWISS LIFE AND USING HER FAMILY NAME FOR GOOD

Life has come full circle for Kiera Chaplin. The model and businesswoman grew up in the Swiss town of Corsier-sur-Vevey, once home to her grandfather, Hollywood legend Charlie Chaplin.

Now, as she talks to us from the picturesque city of Geneva, she is back on home soil – and the healthy outdoor life suits her perfectly, much to her surprise.

Kiera, 42, who has modelled for fashion labels Karl Lagerfeld, Armani and Tommy Hilfinger, tells us that her move back to Switzerland was, in part, due to romance.

“That’s one of the reasons I’m in Geneva. I’ve been with someone now for five years,” she reveals. “It’s been home for me since the Covid-19 pandemic. I was living in New York before, and it has a social scene that I loved. When I first came here, I was like: ‘Oh, this town is dead!’

“But you get into the rhythm, and I appreciate this because I travel a lot. Here, I love horse riding and go to the Swiss mountains. It’s very active all year round.”

Despite acting in movies including *Immortal* and *The Importance of Being Ernest*, she admits that although she enjoys starring on screen, it isn’t her first love.

“I always get called an actress, but I haven’t done a movie in forever – it was never a big passion of mine,” she says. “Maybe it’s too close to what my grandfather did. I didn’t like feeling compared all the time.”

What was it like growing up with such a famous relative? “I always joke and say: ‘I don’t know any different,’” Kiera says. “It was very strange growing up; in the town in Switzerland, there was a Chaplin park, Chaplin restaurant, Chaplin everything.

“As I got older, I started to see the impact of his work – how he was always fighting for the underdog, his philosophy of how humans should love one another.

“I’ve had a lot of great opportunities in my life, thanks to being related to him. We have a family office – my grandfather was very smart and copyrighted his name – so I try to come up with a few things I hope he would like, to keep going in his memory.”

PASSING THE BATON

Kiera is passionate about the Chaplin Awards, which she created in 2018 to recognise actors, actresses and film-makers whose movies embody the realism, courage and diversity found in her grandfather’s work.

She has also opened the Kiera Chaplin Desert Flower School for 400 children in Sierra Leone as part of her work in the area of human rights.

Now, she has moved into the beauty sphere, as the global brand ambassador for Bufarma, a skincare brand based in southern Italy that uses buffalo milk, rich in nourishing lipids, in its products.

She says: “I use the Bufarma day cream and night cream on a daily basis, and I adore the face oil. It’s really nice if I’ve been travelling, or if it’s winter and your skin’s dry. It smells very fresh and natural.”

These days, she is working towards creating her own brand. “I’d like to do something more in beauty,” she reveals, as she continues to find ways to keep the **H** Chaplin name in the public eye.

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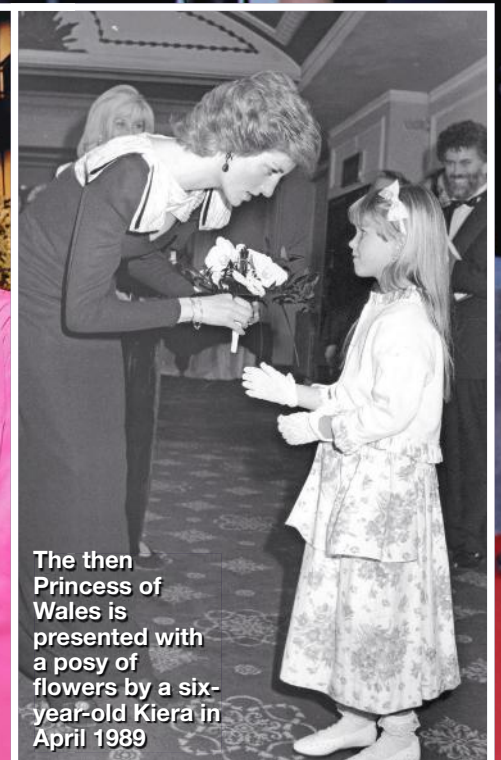
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96 Kiera glitters in gold at the premiere of *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga* at Cannes



The model poses with actor Jeff Bridges, winner of the 49th Chaplin Award, at New York’s Lincoln Center in April



The then Princess of Wales is presented with a posy of flowers by a six-year-old Kiera in April 1989



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Kiera attends the premiere of *Megalopolis* at the Cannes Film 97 Festival in May, wearing a Caviar Couture dress with Chopard jewels