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# Introduction

- Tina Kandeláki (Russian: Тина Канделаки born November 10, 1975) is a Georgian-born Russian journalist, public figure, TV presenter and producer. A co-owner of the Apostol company.

**Born:** Tinatin Givievna Kandelaki  
November 10, 1975 (age 40)

Tbilisi, Georgian SSR,  
Soviet Union

**Residence:** Moscow,  
Russia

**Occupation:** Russian  
journalist, presenter,  
producer

**Website:** [www.tinakandelaki.ru](http://www.tinakandelaki.ru)

# Biography



- Tina was born in **Tbilisi, Georgia**. Tina's father Givi Kandelaki (1942–2009) was an economist and the director of a vegetable depot in Tbilisi, moved to Moscow upon retirement. Givi Kandelaki is descended from the Kandelakis, a noble Georgian family of Caucasus Greek descent. Tina's mother Elvira Kandelaki (maiden name Alakhverdova) is a narcologist of Armenian descent. Tina graduated from high school #64 in Tbilisi. In 1993 Tina was accepted into the Medical Department of Tbilisi State University. But soon after she left medicine and transferred to the Journalist ~~Department. In 2008 she graduated from the Foreign Affairs~~ Department of the Russian State University for the Humanities.



# TV and radio



- Kandelaki worked for Radio 105, a radio station in Tbilisi, Georgia, until **1995**, when she left for Moscow and started working on many TV and radio stations, such as M-radio, RDV, Silver Rain Radio, 2x2, Biz-TV, Muz-TV, Vremechko and TV-6. Since September **2002** Kandelaki has been hosting the talk show Details on the STS channel with Russian celebrity guests. In **2006** she received her first TEFI (the highest Russian TV award) for the “Best Talk Show TV Presenter” nomination. Since February **2003** Kandelaki has been hosting the TV show «The Smartest», the most popular version of “Britain's brainiest kid” quiz show.
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- The show, as well as its host, received two more TEFIs — **in 2004 and 2009. 2006** — Tina Kandelaki, together with Sergey Dorenko presented a weekly political program on Echo of Moscow (Russian radio station) **2008** — Kandelaki hosts Unreal Politics, a show that was aired on NTV. The show started as an experimental online project, in time Unreal Politics turned into one of the most popular talk shows on Russian TV with celebrity guests from politics, business and entertainment **2009** — Kandelaki hosts Two Stars, a TV show on Channel **One 2009** — works as a producer of Infomania, a TV program on STS, a unique infotainment program for the thinking audience **2009** — dubbed Juarez, one of the guinea pigs of the G-force movie by Walt Disney Pictures **2010** — is a jury member of KVN Top-league (a TV game show) **2010** — is a TV-host for the show Perfect Man (STS Channel) **2010** - is a jury member of Bolshaya Raznitsa a parody show hosted in Odessa. (Russia One channel)
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# Public activities

- In November 2007 Kandelaki condemned the policy of Georgian president Mikheil Saakashvili. “A man who acted as a mouthpiece for democracy in Georgia turned out to be a medieval tyrant”. She addressed a call for Georgians to draw international attention to the situation in Tbilisi when the authorities were breaking up public demonstrations, and, also, to stop Saakhashvili. Since October 2009 Kandelaki has become a member of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation by invitation of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. Kandelaki is a member of the Public Chamber on the Education Committee. Tina Kandelaki takes an active stand for favorable conditions destined to cultivate the potential of gifted children, and promotes the introduction of modern technologies into Russian schools.



- **Tina Kandelaki** is partner and co-owner of Apostol Media Group. The company produces TV-programs for leading Russian TV channels and provides a full spectrum of PR services. Kandelaki is the owner of “Tinatin”, a restaurant opened in **Moscow in 2010**. The recipes used in the menu of the restaurant have been passed down from Kandelaki’s mother. **On June 3, 2011**, Tinatin received the Russian National Restaurant Award for “Best Ethnic Cuisine”. From May to November **2011 Kandelaki** was on the board of directors of Vyatka-bank. **On January 29, 2012** Tina launched a political talk-show with video blogger Dmitry Kamikadze - “A flight with Kamikadze”. Tina is the producer of the program. **In March 2012** Tina signed a contract with cosmetics company Oriflame. According to the contract Tina will represent Oriflame products for 2 years in Russia and the CIS countries, as well as participate in company events. Although there is no official information, and Tina would not disclose the sum of the contract – it is rumored to be **\$2.000.000**.

# Business

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# Personal life

- **Andrey Kondrakhin** (born September 30, 1975) – ex-husband, artist and co-owner of ASKON health clinic;
- **Melaniya Kondrakhina** (born 2000), her daughter;
- **Leontiy Kondrakhin** (born 2002), her son.





# Interesting facts

- According to Tina, she forced herself to speak extremely fast in Russian in order to learn the language
  - According to the opinion of her journalist colleagues, Tina is the epitome of glamourization.
  - Tina has two tattoos. A Reiki symbol Cho ku rei (it's meanings vary, but the most common is “quick healing”) on her left wrist, and a Chinese hieroglyph on her left thigh, which means “mother”. These images were tattooed in the places of burns she received during a car accident.
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# Awards and achievements



- In 2006 Kandelaki won the Russian style and fashion award Astra for “The Most Stylish TV-hostess”; In 2006 won the Glamour magazine award for “Form and content”; Tina was voted the sexiest TV-hostess in Russia among 10 nominees of the “Top 10 Sexy” awards in a “TV” category; Winner of 3 TEFIs awards (2004, 2006, 2009); On November 29 “The Smart school” project, which was launched by Tina Kandelaki, won the national Runet Prize 2011 contest in the category of “Science and Education”





**Thank you attention!!!**

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