

FAMOUS ESTONIANS

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Toomas Hendrik Ilves



He has been the president of our country for 10 years. He lives in Kadriorg Palace.

He has worked as a journalist.

Kelly Sildaru

She is currently 14 years old. She won the X Games in Ski Slopeside. She is the world's best freestyle skier.



Leelo Tungal



Leelo Tungal is a writer and a poet. She publishes a magazine called *Hea Laps* (Good Child). Many well-known songs have been composed to her lyrics.

<https://www.youtube.com/w>

Erki Nool

Erki Nool is a decathlete. He won the gold medal for decathlon in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.



Märt Avandi



He is a comedian and an actor.

He plays the lead in the movie *The Fencer* and is a television host.

Gerd Kanter



He is a discus thrower.

He won the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.

Baruto alias Kaido Höövelson



For a long time he was a sumo wrestler in Japan.

He is currently a mixed martial arts fighter. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter.

Paul Keres



Paul Keres was one of Estonia's most famous chess players. He was a three-time chess champion at the Soviet Championships. He won the bronze medal in the 1939 Buenos Aires Chess Olympiad.

Ragnar Klavan



He is a soccer player for FC Augusburg. He plays as a center-back. He is a current squad member of the Estonian National Football Team.

Mart Poom



He is a soccer player; he was the goalkeeper and Captain of the Estonian National Football Team. He has played for the English clubs Derby County, Sunderland AFC, and FC Arsenal. He now coaches goalkeepers.

Aleksander Tõnisson



Estonian military commander, lead the Viru Front in the Estonian War of Independence in 1919. He served as the Minister of War, the Minister of Defense, the Mayor of Tartu, and the Lord Mayor of Tallinn. He is the great-great-grandfather of Andri from our school group.

Lydia Koidula



- She was the first Estonian female poet. Her real name was Jannsen, the sobriquet Koidula means 'Lydia of the Dawn'.

Arvo Pärt



- He is an Estonian composer of classical music. He is the most performed living composer in the world. He has written also children's songs.

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