

Illuminating Chess

For many years, Fred Lucas was one of the game's most creative photographers.

A decade ago the affable Dutchman opted to hang up his camera, but he never forgot his chess-snapping days. Now, in a new book, *Illuminating Chess*, he pays tribute to many of the chess greats that he immortalized.

With Garry Kasparov recently celebrating his 60th birthday (on 13 April), it feels like the right moment to show one of Lucas's favourite images of the 13th World Champion. It was taken back in 2009 in the central hall of Zurich Railway Station as World Champions played in a unique simultaneous exhibition to commemorate the 200th jubilee of Schachgesellschaft Zürich, the oldest chess club in the world.

'Kasparov is one of the most respected and admired chess players in the world, both for his chess achievements and his contributions to the game,' Lucas writes in *Illuminating Chess*. 'He was a fierce competitor even in simuls (...) I don't know if you've ever seen the behaviour of lions at feeding time in the zoo. Similarly, Kasparov stormed into the chess arena. During this simul, in the middle of playing, he was fiercely indignant when he was asked for a signature.' ■



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