

# THIS IS *Missis* OK! PAVLÍNA IVANOVÁ

IT HAS BEEN FOR THE THIRD TIME ALREADY THAT WE'VE VOTED FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MOTHER MRS. GLOBE AND FOR THE FIRST TIME OUR READERS GOT INVOLVED INTO THIS PRESTIGIOUS INQUIRY DURING THE CEREMONIAL GALA PROGRAMME THAT TOOK PLACE IN RADISSON SAS CARLTON HOTEL IN BRATISLAVA LAST MONTH. IN THE JURY FOLLOWING FAMOUS PERSONALITIES WERE PRESENT: ELENA PODZÁMSKA, BÉLA BUGÁR, BUT ALSO THE EDITOR FROM OK! MAGAZINE MAREK KRAVJAR, WHO PRESENTED THE PRIZES FOR OUR EDITORIAL OFFICE TO THE WINNER. HAPPY PAVLÍNA IVANOVÁ WON 365 LITRES OF MINERAL WATER LUCKA FOR THE WHOLE YEAR, TREATMENT OF HER OWN CHOICE IN THE INSTITUTE FOR AESTHETIC MEDICINE IN PEZINOK WORTH 500 EUR AND AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF THE OK! MONTHLY. WE VISITED THE WINNER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN BRATISLAVA WHERE SHE GIVES LECTURES.

INTERVIEW: MAREK KRAVJAR, PHOTOS BY: DUŠAN KITTLER, ANKA ÖLVECKÁ

## How were you feelings when you won the price of OK! Magazine?

The feeling was delightful but one really understands it first after a while. I am 47 years old, so I was happy especially for middle aged women.

## Didn't you regret not winning also another price? Not being among the



Mrs. Ivanová made impression in the free discipline playing the violin.

## three winning ladies?

As I am older, I thought I might not win. I tried to attract through the free discipline.

## Exactly there you chose to play the violin and sing. Why?

My dream had always been to play the electric violin. This dream came true. I chose a song from Sarah Brighton, as she is my favourite artist.

## So you are also a singer?

I used to sing in the past, my song was even played on the radio several years ago. I would like to sing an own song in the future. And as my son composes music, cooperation with him would be interesting. From time to time we are kidding together that in the future I'll be the forerunner in his concerts. :-)

## Who had supported you the most in your decision to take part in the competition?

The final decision was to be made by me of course, but as my family and also my acquaintances supported me. I was in the mood to do it, I had just defended the dissertation and got the doctor's degree so I wanted to rejoice myself. Influenced by all circumstances, I decided to go for it.

## And your family?

The biggest support I had from my son who presented his opinion with following words: „Mum, you must



Missis OK! Pavlína Ivanová in front of the University of Economics in Bratislava where she gives lectures in Economics

go there!“ I exactly felt, how a huge fan I had in him.

## Did you have fans also in the audience?

Unfortunately, my husband couldn't come, but he watched the reprise in TV. And, he kept his fingers crossed for me and wished me to get the best out of it. My son lives in England, so he neither could come. But we stayed in touch through Skype closely to the start of the show. So I just had to fight on my own. This fight was even harder after my hand accident I had suffered during the assembly. Finally, my colleague and friend from the university was present in the audience and helped me background.

## What do you think is the reason why you have won the price of OK! Magazine?

I have no idea. That's exactly what I wanted to ask you! :-) After the end of the show, when we were at the party, people came to me and said how important the price was, that I had won. This was very nice.

## There had to be something you had attracted us through. As for me, surely through the fact that also middle aged women can be beautiful and full of enthusiasm.

I am happy to hear this, because my friends – also middle aged women – called me and said: „Pavli, show them what also women, that have reached their 40th birthday, have got.“ And as I stood on the stage, I felt like I am walking this way not only for me, but also for all middle aged women.

## Did you have your own favourites in the competition?

I like people that are at the same wavelength as me the most. People get influenced by it. That is why



The beautiful professor is very popular among students.

I was affected by Veronika Rusňáková the most, who won the second place. She caught my attention with her talent, because she is an artist and creates wonderful objects of glass. She affected me also through her presence and modesty.

**Have you found also a friend among the ladies?**

I think that is exactly Veronika and also Linda Horňáková, who attracted me through her diligence and great approach toward children. She is very mature in my opinion and Missis should not only be beautiful.

**I want to come back to your family. Besides the son you have also a daughter. What was her opinion about the competition?**

My daughter is another type of personality and took my decision little bit reserved. She thought, mum is going through her second adolescence :-)) but in a positive way. Both my children live in London, where they study. My daughter studies politology and my son modern art and music.

**So you brought up a politician and a musician?**

Yeah, this is the way it is. But I am not sure if my daughter will be a politician, but she has tendencies to deal with presentation and representation of Slovakia abroad.

**You teach economics at the University of Economics in Bratislava. How can one get from art to this science?**

I graduated studies in economics but when my children were small, I tried to find a way how to spend the most time that was possible with them. On the

other side, it was necessary, that I start working, so I started teaching. Music and things around it are my passion. Now, when my children are far from me, I would like to spend more time with music. At the university I deal with unemployment and my ambition is to take part in conferences in the world. I want to bring new innovations to my students in this field of study. I am very interested in this and I enjoy it. So, these are my two loves.

**At the competition, many people appreciated how great you look. Do you have some women's secret weapons?**

Thank you. I think much to do with it has the genetics and my joyful temper. As it is being said, the inner wellbeing shows itself also outside. From time to time I do exercises, because I miss exercise. I work a lot mentally and that's why I enjoy cycling, skating and swimming. Often it drags me into the nature, I also appreciate to feel the sun – this gives me energy.

**And what about cosmetic hints?**

Keep smiling! When I am sad, I look into the mirror and say to me: „How comical you look like when you pucker your brow!!“ :-)) And then my eyes become bright again and I smile at myself. I have the feeling, this is what influences me the most. I like sleeping and sauna and I give this pleasure to me very often.

**Do you think you have inspired also other women?**

At least in the intention. If they have a dream, they must try to fulfill it! They can't loose the hope with saying they don't have the capability to do it. Even the failure moves people forward. Many times it happens that my students say to me that

their mothers with an university education and older than 40 years can't find a job. I know, the times are hard, but in many situations the attitude plays an important role. You have to beam the intention that you really want to achieve something and you are able to do it. And this is the way. **OK!**



With the editor in chief from OK! Marina Dobošová and our editor Marek Kravjar right after winning the price Missis OK!