

## **Fabulous At Every Age**

### **Paulina Porizkova**

Seeing Paulina Porizkova slip into Scavullo's studio for her photo shoot, it's hard to believe that she celebrated her 37<sup>th</sup> birthday only a few days ago. She looks years younger. She's all cheekbones and tiny hips, dressed in faded jeans, a shrunken T-shirt, and Converse sneakers-more rock & roll mom than '80s supermodel, and that's just the way she likes it. These days, she's focused on finishing her novel and raising her two sons with husband and former Cars frontman Ric Ocasek.

It's been 22 years since the Czech-born Porizkova first worked with Scavullo. She was 15, newly arrived from Paris, and barely able to speak a word of English. "The shoot was for *Harper's Bazaar* in Southampton," recalls Scavullo. "The rest of the crew stayed at a motel. I said, 'I am taking care of Paulina. She'll stay at my house and I'll see that she has a good bedroom and good food, and that she's well chaperoned.'"

**Harper's Bazaar:** You always seemed like a bit of a rebel when you were modeling. Was that just a post?

**Paulina Porizkova:** No, that was me. I was a punk. Had I been able to, I would have pierced my nose and dyed my hair blue, but in the '80s, that wasn't seen as a happening.

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**HB:** So health and beauty weren't much of a concern?

**PP:** I didn't do a single second of exercise. I smoked like a chimney. I drank, I ate everything I wanted to, and I didn't go to sleep. I just wanted to do the opposite of what was expected of me and see what happened.

**HB:** What about today?

**PP:** Once I had children and went through the whole labor and delivery process, I became much more health conscious. I was in awe of my body and what it was capable of. I thought, Damn, I have to treat it a little better. So I started taking karate classes.

**HB:** How about your beauty routine?

**PP:** I've always loved products. I'll use 20 of them consecutively, and then I have no idea what works and what doesn't. My bathroom is a mess. There are 300 half-filled jars, and I can never find anything I'm looking for. I'm very big on sunscreen because my best friend, who is now 40, has never gone out in the sun and she looks 10 years younger than me, and that sucks. I use a sunscreen called Anthelios that I found in Europe.

Other products I love are Amour de Cacao, a fragrance by Comptoir Sud Pacifique; Moistrel lotion; Crème de la Mer; Palmer's Cocoa butter Formula body lotion; and as blush, Stila Sport Color Push-Up's in Rouge Flash.

**HB:** What are your thoughts on plastic surgery?

**PP:** I'm not for it or against it, really, I think it's slightly ridiculous if you start at an early age when you just have a couple of little frown lines. You've earned those. What's wrong with that? But if I start getting jowls in my 40s, I can guarantee you I'm going to get rid of them