



Milli Janatková won The Independent Music Award

The song *Mateřské kouzlo* (i.e. *Mothers' Magic*) by the distinctive singer, multi-instrumentalist, composer, painter and lecturer, Milli Janatková, won the American award at The Independent Music Awards - Vox Populi in the A Capella Song category.

"I'm happy that the prize is from the fans - Vox Populi. It shows how the story of the song touches people, how relevant it is nowadays. The conference and showcase, meeting musicians from different countries in New York was an amazing experience. I'm glad to have met a great musician of Czech origin living in Canada, Lenka Lichtenberg, with whom we fell into the music. I look forward to the upcoming concerts and the opening of my artwork," says Janatková.

The song *Mothers' Magic* is part of the album *Mým kořenům* (i.e. *To My Roots*), released in 2017. The album was also honored with the nomination for The Classic Prague Awards in the Crossover category. The story of the song, *Mothers' Magic*, relates to the subject of forgiveness and support of a loving relationship with the family, inspiring to open up and cope with the ancestry taboo, war and socialistic trauma, and suppressed emotions that influence today's society.

YouTube – Mothers' Magic: <https://youtu.be/vT9oe-QYeLM>

The Independent Music Awards include international conferences, meetings and awards. The two-day event offers discussions, networking, showcases of independent music and art from the USA, Europe and the Pacific. The awards ceremony takes place at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York.

Janatková has been on the music scene since 2006. Her debut, *Proměna* (i.e. *Transformation*) (2013) received four nominations at The Independent Music Awards. Since 2012, she has been doing solo concerts or together with her band of jazz musicians – pianist Marek Novotný, double bass player Petr Tichý and others. Milli Janatková is part of the project *Řekni mi* (i.e. *Tell Me*) with Ridina Ahmed and Antonia Nyass. She also cooperates with the music group *Orloj snivců* and *Zapomenutý orchestr Země snivců* (i.e. *Forgotten Orchestra of the Dreamland*), which was founded by brothers Jaroslav and Michal Kořán. Their live CD was just released on the label Polí5.

Milli Janatková will perform with her Quintet at the Czech-German festival Mandava Jazz in Rumburk in October, in Brno at the Live Yoga Love Brno Festival on November 2. In November she is going to tour with her music and visual arts in India (Kolkata, Pingla, Tepantar) where she will cooperate with the traditional musicians and singing painters. The project *To My Roots* was successfully supported by the public at the crowdfunding campaign on Hithit, by the town of Mělník and the State Fund of Culture of the Czech Republic. The journey to the USA was supported by a grant for short-term mobility by the Institute of Art – Theater Department.

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