Abstract

To become a professional dancer is very difficult. Studying at a dance conservatory is both physically and emotionally demanding. The television documentary The Journey of Achieving the Desired Career of the Musical Choreographer Petra Parvoničová tells the story of one of the most sought-after choreographers in the Czech Republic. Achieving her dream was very difficult. During the studies at the Dance Conservatory in Prague, students had to regularly weight themselves, which led to eating disorders that Petra suffered during her studies and several years after finishing the conservatory. Although she did not want to pursue dance after graduating, after two years she decided to join the ballet company of the Josef Kajetán Tyl Theatre in Pilsen and began to train herself in other styles of dance. She founded her own dance studio, Dance Center Petry Parvoničové, and became a choreographer of not only musicals, but also dramas, operas, and operettas. The documentary shows how challenging the study of dance is and how it can affect the life of a graduate for a long time.