

Sky-high style

Preston on film, family and the beauty aid she can't live without

UNLIKE her character in *Death Sentence*, which opens today, Kelly Preston seems to have a drama-free life as a Hollywood actress and mother of two with John Travolta as her real-life leading man.

We recently caught up with Preston to discuss the film, family life and her personal style.

Question: What inspired you to take on this role?

Answer: It was actually a bit of a struggle because I wasn't sure whether I wanted to do it in the beginning, but I ultimately felt that the script was not your typical action thriller where this man takes revenge and he's justified and glorified. ... What was so interesting to me was when he made that decision, he lost his inner moral compass and went down a dwindling spiral. ... It really showed the consequences and choices and then the resulting degradation.

Q: As a mother, how similar are you to your character?

A: I would say, of course, you draw from certain things, but I was very specific in that I wanted her to be a loving mother, happy and having fun with the kids but also that it's just sort of average and flat. There's sort of a normalcy that has crept in where there is not a lot of highs, and then the unthinkable happens.

Q: When I'm not acting, I spend my time ...

A: With my family.

Q: What do you do to rejuvenate yourself?

A: I spend it with my kids as much as I can, with my husband and my kids. That's what gives me the most joy in my life. I definitely take some time for myself where I'll get a massage — I love being able to get the occasional



Kelly Preston at the premiere of *Hairspray* this summer.

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massage — but there's not a whole lot of time for those things (chuckles), so it's much more fun to swim in the pool with the kids or go to the beach and have fun in the summer.

Q: How would you describe your personal style?

A: It varies. It depends on what I'm feeling like. I love a great pair of Lucky jeans and a T-shirt and flip-flops, but I also love so many different fun designs, especially ones that are really cut for a woman's body.

I change it up all the time. I love fun and stylish things but then ultimately casual. I sometimes will go into a sort of, not bohemian, but a little bit into that area. ... It's all over the map, really (laughing).

(In the Valley, **Lucky Brand Jeans** stores are at **Scottsdale Fashion Square**, **Kierland Commons** and **Chandler Fashion Center**.)

Q: What was your most recent splurge?

A: I've been having fun with purses; I got a great Tod's purse that was pretty fantastic, I also got a fun Marc Jacobs purse (laughs) and just a little shopping for presents here and there.

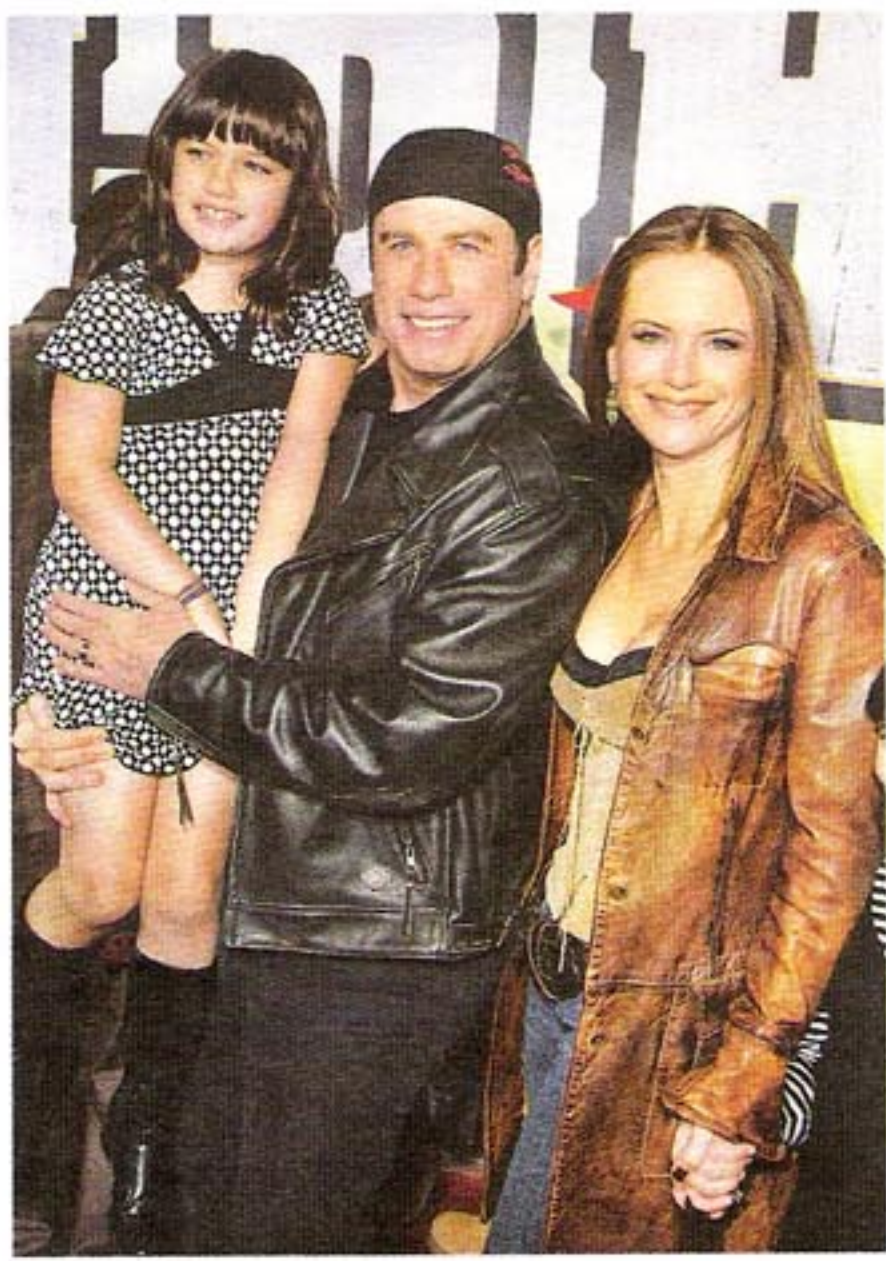
(Find the labels at **Neiman Marcus** and **Saks Fifth Avenue**. You'll find boutiques for both in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.)

Q: What lipstick are you wearing now?

A: There's a great Neutrogena color that I have picked that I am obsessed with. Let me see, it's right in my purse. I have it in a little plastic baggy because I have to jump on a plane in about an hour and a half (chuckles); you know how you have to put it in a baggy. It's the Neutrogena moisture gloss (MoistureShine Gloss) and it's called Razzle — it is so fun for summer; it's a fun pink.

(Find it for about \$7 at most mass retailers and drugstores.)

Q: What could you not live without?



John Travolta and **Kelly Preston** with daughter **Ella Bleu** earlier this year at the Los Angeles premiere of his movie *Wild Hogs*.

A: Under-eye concealer (laughs). There's a great one that Lancôme makes that's sort of a brush-on that you can dab that with your finger, and that's great; so if I go out with no makeup, I always have a little bit of that and maybe just a little bit of lip gloss, and of course you throw on a little bit of mascara (laughs).

(Find Flash Retouche, \$28, at lancome.com, where you'll also find local retailers.)

Q: Can you share one of your beauty secrets with us?

A: I really do like — even though I am doing the commercial for them — the microdermabrasion from Neutrogena, which just lightly exfoliates. It's amazing for refreshing the skin, and it's just really cool.

(Find the Neutrogena Advanced Solutions At Home MicroDermabrasion System for about \$40 at most mass retailers and drugstores.)