

# 9 LIVES

by Maria Speth



## SYNOPSIS

The film portrays the fates of several youth who decided at an early age -some as young as 11, 12 or 13 years old - to leave home, only to end up living on the streets temporarily or permanently. Rather than documenting their lives on the street, the film concentrates on how their personalities materialize as they discuss their lives in front of a neutral backdrop in a studio. Despite all their physical and emotional damages, they are endowed with remarkable strength and talent, which forms the focus of the film.

Photos by Reinhold Vorschneider

## FESTIVALS

2010

DEFA-Stiftung Promoting Award – DOK Leipzig

METROPOLIS – Best German Directing Germany Award

2011

Open-Eyes-Jugendjury Int. Human Rights FF Nuremberg

Kinofest Lünen

Göteborg International Film Festival

Festival International de Films de Femmes de Créteil

Bradford IFF

Buenos Aires IFF

achtung berlin - new berlin film award

IFFF Dortmund | Cologne

IndieLisboa - Lisbon International Independent Film Festival

DOK.fest Munich

Festival des deutschen Films in Buenos Aires

IFF Bratislava

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Maria Speth

Germany 2010

105 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

9 LEBEN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Coming of Age, Children / Youth, Human Rights, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

PREMIERE

Germany (2010)

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LINKS / REFERENCE

DVD

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