



GARDENIA - BEFORE THE LAST CURTAIN FALLS

by Thomas S. Wallner



SYNOPSIS

The greatest love, the deepest disappointment – and most of all the courage to be oneself! Five protagonists with five amazing life stories to tell – about being different, searching for meaning, identity or a place to belong to. The documentary gives insight into the astonishing and moving experience of a group of people, who in their old days had the courage to try something new. In 2010 seven ageing travesty artists were asked by Belgian star choreographer Alain Platel to return into the spotlight once more for a glamorous show called 'Gardenia' – in their old days it became the highlight of their lives! It was a tough decision – all of them knew that time has left its physical traces. Still, they accepted the offer that should transform their lives fundamentally. In June 2012, after two years of touring, they will perform their last show on stage. What does life look like 'after Gardenia'?

FESTIVALS

hotDOCS Toronto
DOCVILLE, Leuven
DOK.fest Munich

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Thomas S. Wallner

Germany 2014

88 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

PREMIERE

Germany (2014)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

[beetz brothers film production](#)

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LINKS / REFERENCE

DVD

<https://www.goodmovies.de/g...>

<http://www.beetz-brothers.d...>

<http://vimeo.com/44507089>

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