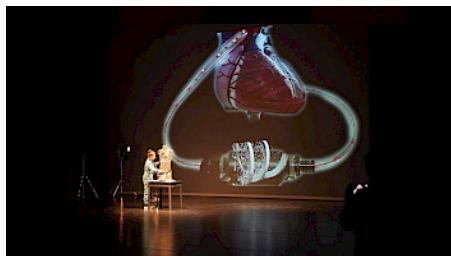




LIFE WITHOUT A HEARTBEAT

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SYNOPSIS

The documentary delves into the life of a patient with an artificial heart who had experienced a heart attack and underwent the implantation of a Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) to ensure her survival. It features a conversation between the patient, a heart surgeon, and a scientist who researches artificial hearts. That trio discuss the situation currently faced by patients with severe heart diseases, the lack of heart transplants, and the alternative: artificial hearts. They then share their hopes for the future of artificial heart technology.

The documentary includes footage of a real heart surgery, and – in a kind of parallel universe set to haunting orchestral and experimental music – we see a dancer who makes the patient's struggle for survival artistically compelling, whilst exemplifying the relentless pursuit of innovative solutions to overcome the existing limitations of artificial heart technology.

CAST AND CREW

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12 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

LEBEN OHNE HERZSCHLAG

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Science

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Short film

PREMIERE

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LINKS / REFERENCE

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