

I Know a Woman
Like That

A Documentary

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THE IDEA

- "I KNOW A LIKE THAT" explores the unexpectedly vigorous activities and philosophies of women in the upper decades of their lives. It will illustrate for its wide audience the drive, personality, and characteristics which motivates and keeps these women engaged at a time in their lives when society expects them to slow their lives to a crawl.
- Through one-on-one interviews and footage of their energetic activities, the women in our documentary reveal the energy, curiosity, and personal drive which has kept them emotionally, physically, sexually, and intellectually provocative in their 60's, 70's, 80's, and beyond.

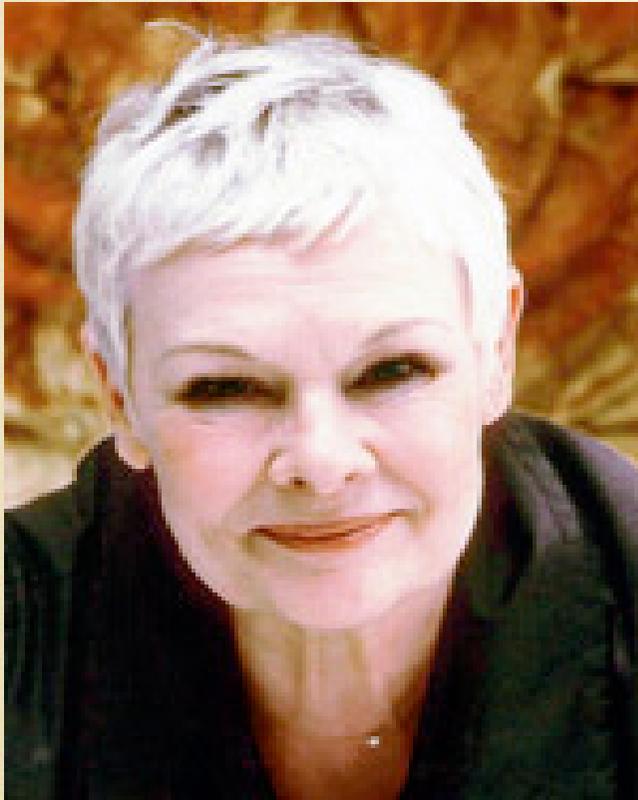
Meet The Women.....





Maxine Hong Kingston, 74

Writer / Poet / Peace Activist / Pulitzer Prize Winner



Dame Judi Dench, 72

Actress

"People say to me all the time, 'Why don't you stop? Why don't you slow down?' Dench throws the question back. "Why should I? Why? Perhaps they're people who don't do what they like, as if their job is some drudge. Somebody got quite irritated with me and said, 'Why on earth aren't you taking it easy?' "

Dame Judi Dench

She pauses, and then smiles, turning the question in her head. "Why?"

“Sexy isn’t a Number”



Eartha Kitt, 83

Actress / Singer / Entertainer

“---Now in her 5th decade of making men nervous, Eartha Kitt still electrifies audiences with her one of a kind persona...” (AP)

- Are women still sexually active in the upper decades of their lives??
- Are some men attracted to much older women? What is it that attracts them?
- Do you they miss certain ages they’ve been?
- How did they react to physical changes?

Recent News



Lucille Borgen, 94
Champion Water Skier/
Cancer and Polio Survivor

- The rise in life expectancy is due to astounding advances in medicine, as well as new age alternatives for living longer, staying healthy, and remaining active.
- What does this mean for the passage of time? Will it be normal for women to start a new career at 60? Will it be more common for women to decide to have children much later in life?

Taking Manhattan



Elaine Madsen, 74

Emmy Award Winning Director

“What these decades mean to me, is that they can not, must not be squandered. Time has a very different meaning now....I believe that I will not be old until I run out of questions. I’ve lived, wept, failed, and reinvented myself more times than I knew I could.”

Elaine Madsen

Setting the Pace



No one is surprised that baby boomers are athletically approaching their sixties. What the audience will find genuinely surprising is that those baby boomers were preceded by a generation of women who were ahead of their time. Adept at multi-tasking before it had a name, they were in the vanguard of the quest for civil rights and equal rights for women. And they have been reinventing themselves ever since!!!

Toni Morrison, 75
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author/Poet

75 Yr Old Nun In Charge

“We have an opportunity to absolutely make LA the peaceable kingdom”



Sister Diane Donoghue, 75

Nun/Community Activist

- Sister Diane Donoghue brings together the powerful to build homes for poor communities in Los Angeles.
- Donahue has walked in the worlds of city politics and community activism, each with its own divisions and egos. Yet she has succeeded by bringing together unlikely coalitions of bankers, City Hall operatives, immigrants, and clergy to achieve projects...Los Angeles Times

One should never say...
When I was young.



Jeanne Moreau

Actress / Writer / Director / Producer / Singer

"Don't take care of yourself because you want to stop time. Do it for self-respect. It's an incredible gift, the energy of life. You don't have to be a wreck. You don't have to be sick. One's aim in life should be to die in good health. Just like a candle that burns out". "The life you had is nothing. It is the life you have that is important."

Jeanne Moreau

Only As Old As You Think..



Tao Porcho Lynch, 87

New York Yoga Teacher

“Recently I've taken up ballroom dancing. I've been competing. I have two lovely dance partners, one a 28-year-old from Ukraine.”

Tao Porcho Lynch

The Journey...

"I'm not forcing time... I'm enjoying time"



Jean McFaddin, 80

Producer/Director

- Where have they been and where do they now find themselves?
- What do they fear?
- What turned out differently than they intended?
- What were some of the hardest lessons of their life?

I love life so much, perhaps now
more than ever before...



Vanessa Redgrave, 70
Actress / World Citizen

“I haven’t had to face something that truly terrified me for quite a long time. I have continued to face quite a lot of situations that might frighten other people, but they haven’t frightened me”

A Love Like That...



Dorothy Jenkins
Grandmother / Caretaker

Based on 1996 census data, 48% of grandparent caregivers range between 50 and 64 years of age, and 19% over the age of 65. Since 1990, the number has climbed to 30%

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN...

According to research, a majority of Caregiving grandparents report experiencing a greater purpose for living. Providing care to their grandchildren helps some caregivers to feel young and active....

What the Hell Happened?



Elaine Stritch, 81

Actress

“Life is not better the second time around. I am sure of that. Once is enough for everything. Life is so precious and anyone with sense should know that. I've had excruciating, giddy, heavenly highs and unbearable lows and I've handled both in the long run but don't want to live my life more than once. I'm looking forward to what's left of it, I can tell you that.”

Elaine Stritch

Life Imitating Art

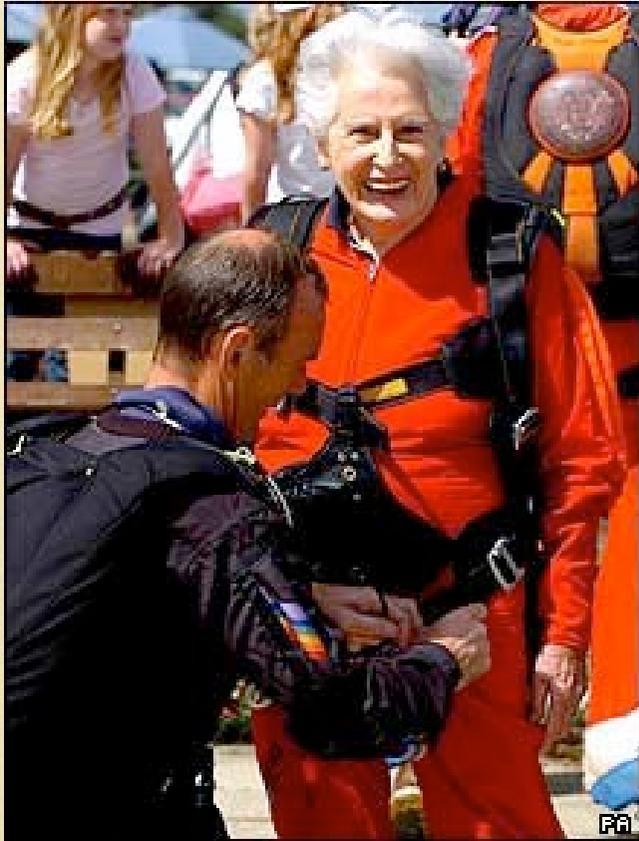


Marg Starbuck, 78
Abstract Painter

“I went back to school at the age of 50. My art has been inspired by the places I’ve been. From Saudi Arabia, to Afghanistan, and all the way back to the wilds of California...my paintings have been affected by the very places that I’ve lived.”

Marg Starbuck

Free Bird



Mary Armstrong, 90
Skydiver

"I love the feeling you get when falling through the clouds. I feel like a bird...I'll keep doing them until I'm 100."

Mary Armstrong

“Never Stopped Aspiring...”



Rita Moreno, 75

Actress/Singer

The spirit of aspiration has never ceased for any of the women in our documentary.

Their interviews, illuminated by footage of art, music, and dance will reveal the courageous and sometimes exotic ways in which they have faced the challenge of the never ending change which fate visits upon all our lives.

Like That...



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