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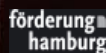
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SYNOPSIS

Five beautiful women. Five talented actresses. One Night and a thousand drinks. They meet at a casting for a TV-movie. At first they size each other up, but soon they start talking - about the screenplay, about their reasons to act in the film, about their private lives. By now they realize that none of them really wants the acting job, so they follow the spur of the moment and together they leave to escape their frustrations for a day.

Dana's secretly kept pregnancy will soon unable her to work as an actor. Barbara is growing all the more suspicious that the man she loves will leave her. Kandis is having a complicated affair while Geno likes women, which doesn't make life easier for her. And yet none of them realizes the strong desperation that is leading Karin to an unforeseen and final decision.

Somehow these five women are not able to break away from each other so what started as a day-trip becomes a journey into night. And in the course of this night, longings, hopes and fears are gradually revealed.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Born in West-Berlin in 1968, Sathyan Ramesh has worked as a director, writer and editor and also teaches directing and film theory. His portraits, interviews and film criticism are published in film and cultural related magazines such as *steadycam*, *RheinART* and *cinema*. Ramesh has been working on the development of various productions for Cinema and TV such as *First Kiss* and *The Attorney's Guest*, which has been directed by Torsten C. Fischer starring Götz George and Heino Ferch.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Beautiful Women is a film for women, who like women and for men, who love women.

But it is also a declaration of love – to the actresses Floriane Daniel, Julia Jäger, Caroline Peters, Clelia Sarto and Ulrike C. Tscharre. The book was written for them, without them the book wouldn't exist.

In the end the film has become a love affair: a bitter sweet combination of an intimate play with the unique music of Queen Bee. Their music inspired the script, without their music it would have become another script. Seven beautiful women, finally. What a good luck.

CAST

Floriane Daniel (as Barbara) had leading roles in feature films such as *Wintersleepers* (by Tom Tykwer), *A Fatal Affair* (by Michael Bartlett), *Callgirl* (by Peter Keglevic) and *Jenny's Dream* (by Dieter Kehler).

Julia Jäger (as Dana) performed in national and international feature films including *Berlin is in Germany* (by Hannes Stöhr) and *Foreign Fields* (by Aage Rais). For *Outside Time* (by Andreas Kleinert) she received an Award at the Kairo International Filmfestival in 1996, for *First Loss* (by Maxim Dessau) she was rewarded with the Max Ophüls Prize in 1991.

Caroline Peters (as Kandis) has starred in several TV movies, TV series and feature films such as *The Semmeling Affair* (by Dieter Wedel) or *99 Euro Films* (by Rolf-Peter Krahl and Daniel Petersen).

Clelia Sarto (as Genoveva) performed in the successful productions *Knockin' on Heaven's Door* (by Thomas Jahn), *Just the Beginning* (by Pierre Franckh) and *At Night in the Parc* (by Uwe Janson).



Ulrike Tscharre (as Karin) has appeared in some of Germany's most popular TV series and movies including *Alphateam* (by Aljoscha Westermann) and *Lindenstraße* (by Domenikus Probst).

CREW

Director	Sathyan Ramesh
Screenplay	Sathyan Ramesh
Director of Photography	Thomas Merker
Producer	Roland Willaert
Executive Producer	Markus Gruber
Executive in Charge of Production	Hans-Christian Hess
Editor	Andrea Mertens
Sound	Michael Kunz
Music	Edda Schnittgard & Ina Müller as Queen Bee

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN (SCHÖNE FRAUEN) • Drama • Germany 2003 • Language: German (English subtitles and French subtitles) • 85 min. Colour • 35 mm • 1:1,66 • Dolby Surround

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