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Advanced Style hits iTunes and VOD October 7th, 2014

New York City street photographer Ari Cohen takes his blog *Advanced Style* to the screen in a documentary (funded largely through Kickstarter) directed by newcomer Lina Pliplyte.

The sweetly-tuned doc follows the lives of seven stylish women over 60 who've turned the streets of NYC into runways. For them, fashion has guided their personal philosophies and has shaped who they are. Cohen began taking photographs of stylish older New Yorkers when he moved to the city four years ago. He learned that "aging can be a wonderful thing" from his grandmothers, who he considers to be his best friends. A good pair of heels or the right shade of lipstick have remained loving constants in their lives. And through the movie's Instagram-like filter they describe in colorful detail their style history. "Money has nothing to do with style," says Lynn Dell, then 78, owner of Off Broadway Boutique, a store her husband purchased for her in an attempt to keep her from sleeping around.

Like Wonder Woman's indestructible cuffs, Tziporah Salamon wears her colorful, handmade (out of toilet paper rolls) versions almost in an act of rebellion. It's about personal creativity, Salamon, then 62, tells the camera. Salamon shows off her outfits on a bike, sans helmet because it "takes away from the outfit." Every quirky outfit she wears has a matching hat, and sometimes these outfits take years to build, she says with panache.

But that's okay because some of the best things in life take time.

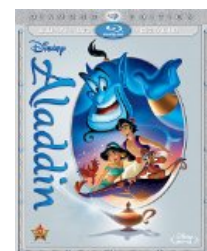
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Redhead Iona Royce Smithkin's also crafty. The then 93-year-old firecracker makes false eyelashes for herself from her own hair. But Smithkin may be best known for her commissioned portrait of author Ayn Rand, which can be seen on the backs of some of her books.

It's amazing to see and hear what these women have accomplished in their lives, and they speak candidly and realistically about their experiences with ageism.

"I never wanted to look young, I wanted to look great," says then 80-year-old Joyce Carpati.

Behind the oversized sunglasses and underneath the berets, my future, and that of all women, is in Dell, Salamon, Smithkin, Carpati, Zelda Kaplan, Jacquie Murdock and Debra Rapoport.

These women dispel conventional ideas about beauty and aging - and no one can put a price tag on that.

"Advanced Style" is inspiring and assuring: there's no reason to be afraid of aging because "there's no time limit to anything" when life is a runway.

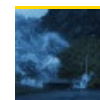
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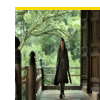
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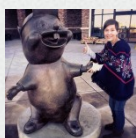
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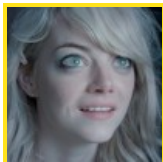
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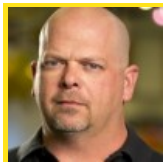
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