

LOGLINE

THE AGE OF LOVE follows the playful and poignant adventures of thirty seniors who attend a first-of-its-kind Speed Dating event for 70- to 90-year-olds, and discover how the search for love changes – or doesn't change – from first love to the far reaches of life.

SHORT SYNOPSIS

An unprecedented speed dating event for 70- to 90-year-olds serves as the backdrop for THE AGE OF LOVE, an alternately spirited and poignant look at the search for love among the senior set.

Over one summer, we intimately follow as ten speed daters — recently widowed, long-divorced or never-married — prepare for the big day, endure a rush of encounters, then anxiously receive their results. Fearlessly candid about themselves and what they're seeking, these WWII babies are spurred to take stock of life-worn bodies yet still-hopeful hearts.

Then, as they head out on dates that result, humorous and bittersweet moments reveal how worries over physical appearance, romance and rejection, loss and new beginnings change — or don't change — from first love to the far reaches of life.

THE AGE OF LOVE is a story of the universality of love and desire, regardless of age.

FULL SYNOPSIS

THE AGE OF LOVE follows the playful and poignant adventures of thirty seniors in Rochester, NY who sign up for a first-of-its-kind speed dating event exclusively for 70- to 90-year-olds. From anxious anticipation through the dates that follow, it's an unexpected tale of intrepid seniors who lay their hearts on the line and discover how emotional needs and desires change — or don't change — from first love to the far reaches of life.

Born in the years around WWII, none of the 30 registrants for Rochester's first senior speed dating event dreamed of being flung into the high-tech social scene of the next millennium. But now, as posters go up, local media buzzes and anticipation grows, these typically-overlooked elders are

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FULL SYNOPSIS, CONTINUED...

spurred to confront the realities of physical appearance, intimacy and loneliness, a chance for growth and new beginnings.

An 81-year-old bodybuilding champ, divorced since his fifties, imagines someone new by his side; a skydiving widow dulls her loss by pursuing younger men; a grandmother and online-dating addict searches the web for Mr. Right; a romantic 79-year-old discards his portable oxygen for a sunset tango on the beach; a 1940s movie fanatic who escaped an abusive marriage still seeks her 'Fred and Ginger' romance.

Faced with feelings "even our own kids never ask about," each dater's fearless and candid confessions blend with preparations for the big day, a rush of five-minute encounters and the anxious anticipation of receiving their results. Then, as new couples set off on first dates, the film exposes a wide range of intense and complex feelings that still lurk behind deepening wrinkles and thinning hair.

Playful and revealing, wise and inspiring, the speed daters both engage and enlighten with a candor that puts media stereotypes to shame. Just as we're all destined to age, and the aged were all once young, we suddenly come to realize just how much, and how little, our hearts change over a lifetime.

The film takes viewers where no documentary has gone before — into the emotional lives of older singles who still yearn to be seen and understood, to feel the comfort of another's warmth and touch, and who may still be open to a new chance at love.

