WHAT’S ‘OLD’ ANYWAY?
Touring exhibition of images from the photographic and video competition
‘What’s old anyway?’ Being old in today’s world does not necessarily have anything to do with being frail. Many people are fit and energetic in old age. The very different, often positive, sometimes impressive everyday experiences we have with older people and with age, subsequently also cause us to qualify the perception that we are living in an ageing society. Many among us are lucky to be able to organise the stages of life after retirement actively, independently and in good health, with family and friends. Creativity and commitment enrich life years that are rightly considered as ‘extra’ time. At the same time, many people also take care of relatives who are in need of assistance or long-term care, or are socially involved doing voluntary work – often to a very advanced age. To them I owe the greatest respect.

‘What’s old anyway?’ is the name of the photo and video competition to which over 1,600 entries were submitted by persons of all age groups. The photos show how varied life really is for older people in Germany – and perhaps also elsewhere – and how differently it is perceived from outside. The exhibition displays a small excerpt of this competition that does not spare us the aspects of ageing that provide food for thought. The photos were taken by both professionals and lay persons. If you would like to see more, come to our website: www.whats-old-anyway.de.

I wish you an inspiring walk through the exhibition – no matter how old you are

Dr. Franziska Giffey
Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
01. **HAPPY TRIO** | Photographer: Dieter Göbel

02. **MY DAUGHTER IS PROUD OF ME!** | Photographer: Rosemarie Herfurtner

03. **75 (GRANDMA) + 11 (DOG) = YOUNG AT HEART** | Photographer: Holger Rochow

04. **IN THE STUDIO AT 84** | Photographer: Astrid Brondke

05. **LOVING LIFE** | Photographer: Jan Kuchenbecker

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01. **TWOSOME** | Photographer: Otto Hitzegrad
02. **GROWING OLD TOGETHER** | Photographer: Marita Veltrup
03. **BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER** | Photographer: Jürgen Hanke
04. **TEENAGE LOVE** | Photographer: Helmut Wachtarzyk

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01. THE PROGRAMME HAS PARENTS | Photographer: Eva Horstick-Schmitt
02. EVERYONE’S THERE FOR EVERYONE | Photographer: Agnes Schürkötter
03. WHERE DO I NEED TO LOOK THROUGH? | Photographer: Claudia Dietl
04. OLD AND YOUNG INTERNATIONALLY | Photographer: Claus Martens
05. GENERATIONAL CHANGE | Photographer: Tobias Ahlbrecht
MORE THAN A THIRD OF ALL 70- TO 85-YEAR-OLDS (36 PERCENT) EXERCISE ONCE A WEEK

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01. WORKOUT | Photographer: Berit Johannsen
02. GRANDMA'S FLEA MARKET BARGAIN | Photographer: Claus Liewerkus
03. THE DEMONSTRATOR | Photographer: Florian Diener
04. OLD? NO WAY! | Photographer: Thorsten Eisert

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72 PERCENT OF GERMANS AGED 14 AND OVER SAY THAT WHETHER PEOPLE ARE REGARDED BY OTHERS AS OLD HAS A LOT TO DO WITH APPEARANCE
01. **WISE BEAUTY** | Photographer: Ariane Gramelspacher
02. **THE CHILD IN THE MAN** | Photographer: Tami Florat
03. **YOUNG EYES** | Photographer: Christian Träger
04. **A CLOSER LOOK ...** | Photographer: Thomas Leuthard

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HALF OF ALL 55- TO 69-YEAR-OLDS HAVE GRANDCHILDREN AND 31 PERCENT OF THESE LOOK AFTER THEM REGULARLY.
01. HARMONY | Photographer: Andrea Aplowski
02. THANK YOU | Photographer: Dirk Reinhold
03. ALL STITCHED UP | Photographer: Ragela Bertoldo
04. 3 GENERATIONS OF HANDS III | Photographer: Quirin Edler
05. CAKE MIX | Photographer: Karlheinz Nickola
IN 2009, ONE IN FIVE PEOPLE (21 PERCENT) IN GERMANY WAS 65 YEARS OLD OR OLDER
01. THE OLD PEOPLE’S WINDOW | Photographer: Traugott May
02. GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY HERE AND NOW
Photographer: Benjamin Ulmer
03. OLD PEOPLE’S HOME | Photographer: Otto Hitzegrad
04. PENSION AT 60! | Photographer: Achim Brandt

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PEOPLE AGED OVER 70 FEEL ON AVERAGE 13 YEARS YOUNGER THAN THEY ACTUALLY ARE
HALF OF ALL WOMEN AND THREE QUARTERS OF ALL MEN OVER THE AGE OF 65 LIVE IN A TWO-PERSON HOUSEHOLD

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01. A DAY IN MAY, SZCZECIN | Photographer: Timm Stütz
02. ON THE BENCH | Photographer: Klaas Hartz
03. LOVE NEVER AGES | Photographer: Theresa Rychlik
04. THANKS FOR A GREAT TRIP | Photographer: Peter Kilian

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‘THE ZIMMERS’ IS PROBABLY THE OLDEST BAND IN THE WORLD TO DATE, THE OLDEST MEMBER WAS 100 THEN AND THE YOUNGEST 63.
01. YOUNG LOVE ON THE SMART PHONE
   Photographer: Ingo Bartussek

02. HOW RELAXING NOT HAVING TO ACCEPT EVERY INVITATION!
   Photographer: Jürgen Schwiers

03. LOOKING YOUNG, GRANDPA! | Photographer: Christina Markaud

04. COOL WHEELS ... | Photographer: Eberhard Vogler

05. SO NEAR, AND YET SO FAR ... | Photographer: Sandra Niermann

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