



CORPUS

A QUEST FOR ETERNITY

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The film **CORPUS** takes us on an exceptional journey through the world of art and science to reflect on the mortality of the human body.

ABOUT THE FILM

In the film **CORPUS** master anatomist **Andreas Vesalius** invites us to join him on an unusual quest.

Can a profound anatomical examination provide useful insights into our relationship with our body and its inevitable decay?

Do we forever remain imprisoned in our bodies?

Or is there a way to transcend our own mortality?

500 years after his death, Vesalius wants to show that his spirit still lives on in the work of contemporary artists. On this journey, you will meet groundbreaking pioneers who, like Vesalius, combine science with arts to explore the human body.

The first guide on our path is forensic doctor/artist **Babette Van Rafelghem**.

She combines her scientific research with artistic work. Her beautiful drawings of our organic nature help us to overcome the initial fear towards death and show us how beautiful our insides can look when seen through an artist's eye.

The next stop on the road brings us to the famous anatomist and creator of the world-renowned "Body Worlds Exhibitions" **Gunther von Hagens**, who dedicated his entire life to arouse a general interest in human anatomy. Since Gunther suffers from Parkinson, he truly embraces the arts to express his emotions regarding his own mortality.

To investigate the idea that science might one day liberate us from death, we are invited into the post-human world of body performer **Stelarc**.

Convinced that our anatomical body is inadequate, Stelarc invites us into a world where human body parts are fused harmonically with technological prostheses. Despite his futuristic vision, the inescapability of suffering is part of the human condition and thus remains the backdrop of his work.

Musician/curator **Colin van Eeckhout (Amenra)** embodies our final journey through the darkness. In an attempt to find solace and redemption, Colin molds his personal struggles with existential questions into artistic rituals where grief can be experienced collectively.

At the end of our quest we are invited by the Danish artist **Eva Gerd** who resides in the Tuscany Hills. Eva dignifies animal skulls and bones by adorning them with a new skin of silk.

Finally, you have come to a place where it feels safe to reflect upon our journey.

With the acceptance of mortality, comes the awareness of the true beauty of life itself.



AUTHOR'S INTENT



Sofie Hanegreefs & Jelle Janssens created a very visual film that helps the audience to contemplate on the human condition and the meaning of existence.

They use art - and the fragile human body as a metaphor - to pose existential questions and investigate the subject of mortality through a very aesthetic and poetic visual language.

It's this subtlety and richness of detail that takes the audience on this unusual journey. The film reveals the - physical and mental - inside of the human body as a place full of shadow, mystery, beauty and wonder.

The authors want to spark the imagination of the audience, bring people together and inspire conversation about these universal philosophical questions: The meaning of existence, and how to cope with one's mortality.

They believe the film can be shown in an artistic, scientific and/or philosophical context.





CORPUS - A quest for eternity



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Genre: Artistic & Philosophical Documentary

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