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Experimental and extravagant, that was the punk band Mania D.

40 years ago the women managed to create a special atmosphere with tenor saxophone, bass guitar and vocals, and their appearances in the Berlin clubs became attractions. True to her motto: 'We are not guided by anything.'

In 1980 Mania D released her first record. The year before, the band had been founded by Bettina Köster, Bettina Bartel and Gudrun Gut together with Karin Luner and Eva-Maria Gößling, as one of the first German women's bands. The group's way of making music was new, combining free jazz elements with experimental music. That was popular, not just in Berlin. Also in Studio 54 in New York. Mania D was followed by other bands of its female members: Malaria!, Matador, Liasions Dangereuses and others. The band members 'cracked up' and later became reconciled, founded fashion labels and art galleries, made radio shows and traded on the stock exchange. They never really became famous, but they are legendary in the music scene and now perform individually or together, in Germany, but also in Saudi Arabia, China or Colombia. This documentary is an acoustic biopic of strong women.

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