



Fabian Zapatka

Vater

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- A very private photographic documentation of an actor bidding farewell to the theatre
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In 2019 Manfred Zapatka ended his more than 50-year-long career in the theatre at the Residenz Theatre in Munich. An outstanding actor, he represents a generation of German-language ensemble theatre-makers that has recently been retiring. The photographer Fabian Zapatka (*1978) decided to accompany his father as he bade his farewell. His photographic piece *Vater* (Father) starts in the world of the Munich theatre. The end of their journey is marked by his father's retreat to his parents' home in Cloppenburg, Lower Saxony, where he spent his childhood. The old house in the old hometown, which stood empty for nearly 30 years, will become his new home.

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Fabian Zapatka was born in 1978 and spend most of his childhood in Munich. Early on he quit school and moved to Berlin. After years as an actor, he began his career as a photographer in 2006. On a regular basis he works for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung Magazin*, for *Die Zeit* and *Der Spiegel*. His work is dominated by documenting people and the environment they live in.

