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**REPUBLIC PICTURES ACQUIRES DOCUMENTARY MIGHTY MARY**

**Narrated by Elizabeth Banks and Hugh Jackman, a New Documentary from Award-Winning Filmmaker and Olympian Mary Mazzio in Partnership with Skydance Sports Premieres at Nantucket Film Festival June 18 with a Theatrical Launch Across the Country Starting September 11**



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(LOS ANGELES, CA) Republic Pictures has acquired MIGHTY MARY, the inspiring new documentary from award-winning filmmaker and Olympian Mary Mazzio in partnership with Skydance Sports, chronicling the groundbreaking first all-women’s sailing team to compete for the America’s Cup, one of the most elite and exclusive events in international sports.

MIGHTY MARY will make its official debut on June 18 at the Nantucket Film Festival with a special attendance from many of the sailors including Olympians, Round-the-World Sailors and World Champions: Amy Baltzell, Merritt Carey, Sarah Cavanagh, Annie Gardner, Suzette Hau‘oli Smith Gurtler, Merritt Palm Keffer, Diana Klybert, Suzy Leech, Linda Lindquist, Marci Porter Lucier, Lisa Charles McDonald, Joan Touchette Porter and Hannah Swett. The documentary will be released theatrically with AMC Theatres beginning September 11, 2026, in several major markets including New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Seattle, Chicago, Washington DC, Miami, Detroit, San Diego, Atlanta, San Francisco, Annapolis, Oklahoma City, and Traverse City (MI). Produced by Grant Hill (Atlanta Hawks owner and NBA All-Star), Allison Abner (writer for *Narcos*, *The West Wing* and *Imperfect Women*) and Mazzio alongside Skydance Sports, the documentary is narrated and executive produced by Elizabeth Banks and Hugh Jackman.

Widely dismissed at the time as a publicity stunt, the women of “*Mighty Mary*” defied expectations to become legitimate contenders in one of the most demanding competitions in sports.

What began with an open call advertisement in *The New York Times* evolved into a team of world-class and Olympic athletes including Olympic sailors, Olympic rowers, a Native Hawaiian sailor, and trailblazing women athletes from across the country who challenged the deeply entrenched culture of professional sailing.

The film follows the team's remarkable journey as they stunned the sailing world by defeating *Stars & Stripes*, helmed by four-time America's Cup winner Dennis Conner, before a controversial backroom decision upended that outcome.

At its core, MIGHTY MARY is an underdog story about resilience, teamwork, leadership and redefining what is possible in spaces that historically excluded women. The documentary also explores the broader cultural impact of the team and the lasting conversations around inclusion, opportunity and leadership in sports.

"Some stories demand to be told — and MIGHTY MARY is one of them. We are honored to partner with Mary Mazzio, Allison Abner, Grant Hill and Skydance Sports in bringing this film to audiences," said Sejin Croninger, Executive Vice President of Worldwide Acquisitions, Paramount Pictures. "It is at once a breathtaking sports documentary and a testament to the women who refused to let the boundaries of their sport define them."

"We're committed to telling stories about athletes and teams whose impact reaches beyond competition, and MIGHTY MARY is a prime example," said Lauren Gaffney, Vice President, Unscripted, Skydance Sports. "This film celebrates a pioneering group of women who refused to accept limitations and made sports history. We're excited to partner with Mary Mazzio and Republic Pictures to share the story of this remarkable journey with audiences nationwide."

"It's been a privilege to bring this hidden gem of history to life thanks to an extraordinary collaboration and partnership with Skydance Sports and Republic Pictures who both understood the mission and the spirit of this project," said Mary Mazzio, director of MIGHTY MARY and founder of 50 Eggs Films. "The grit and resilience of these athletes is a rousing call to girls and young women about what can be possible in the face of what looks to be impossible."

Mazzio's previous documentaries include *Underwater Dreams*, *I Am Jane Doe*, *A Hero for Daisy*, *A Most Beautiful Thing*, and *Bad River*, films recognized for driving national conversations and social impact initiatives across education, gender equity and civil rights.

MIGHTY MARY is directed by Mazzio and written by Abner and Mazzio. The film is produced by Abner, Hill and Mazzio and executive produced by Banks, Jackman, Arthur M. Blank, Hill, Tamia Hill, Sue Wagner, Bryan White, Christine White, Bill Hudson, Laurie M. Tisch, John H. Carlson, Bill McNabb, Katie McNabb, Bruce Herring, Tricia Herring, Dori Walton and Bill Walton, Skydance Sports' Jesse Sisgold, Jason Reed, Jon Weinbach, Lauren Gaffney along with Alexis Garcia and Abner. Original score is by Grammy-winning producer Shep Crawford.

The film is edited by Kyle Farmer, Mary Mazzio and Shondra Burke, with cinematography by Peter Levy and Patrick Ruth. The film will be distributed internationally by Paramount Global Content Distribution.

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### **About Skydance Sports**

Skydance Sports is the industry-leading sports content studio behind critically acclaimed films and series including the Golden Globe nominated *Air* (Amazon), *America's Team: The Gambler and His Cowboys* (Netflix), and *Hard Knocks: Offseason with the New York Giants* (HBO). Upcoming projects include documentaries on UConn women's basketball (Apple TV) and Rafael Nadal (Netflix), a Hulu drama series from Dan Fogelman set inside the NFL titled *The Land*, and a theatrical film for Paramount about John Tuggle, "Mr. Irrelevant," and the 80's New York Giants, starring David Corenswet.

Skydance Sports is the premium studio within Paramount Sports Entertainment (PSE), the division that unifies Paramount's sports storytelling, gaming, branded and digital content, and experiences under one umbrella. With deep relationships across leading sports leagues, top-tier talent, and premier brands, PSE serves as a single point of entry for next-generation sports narratives and large-scale fan engagement.

### **About Mary Mazzio and 50 Eggs Film**

Mary Mazzio is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, Olympic athlete, former law firm partner, and founder and CEO of 50 Eggs Films, an independent production company focused on moving the needle on crucial issues. Her mission of shedding light on compelling narratives of social significance has made her one of the country's most prominent socially impactful filmmakers. Her work has included *UNDERWATER DREAMS*, which raised over \$100 million dollars with the Obama White House to support STEM initiatives in underserved communities; *I AM JANE DOE*, narrated by Academy-Award winning actor, Jessica Chastain, which catalyzed bipartisan federal legislation under the Trump Administration (related to online platform accountability); *A HERO FOR DAISY*, a landmark Title IX documentary which prompted a U.S.

Supreme Court decision in favor of young female athletes; A MOST BEAUTIFUL THING, narrated by Academy-Award winning actor/musician, Common, and produced with NBA stars, Grant Hill and Dwyane Wade, which raised millions of dollars to support access to the water for historically neglected young people; and BAD RIVER, narrated by Academy Award nominee Edward Norton and Quannah ChasingHorse, which was nominated for three Critic's Choice Awards. In addition, Mazzio has received numerous honors, including a Ricky Martin Foundation Humanitarian Award, two Gracie Awards, an NAACP Image Award nomination, as well as an honorary degree from Mount Holyoke College. She is the mother of two children, one of whom competed in the 2024 Olympic Games. For more about 50 Egg Films, please visit [www.50eggs.com](http://www.50eggs.com).