

CHASING JOY ON ICE

THE UNTOLD STORY OF WOMEN IN HOCKEY

A Documentary by Allie Corser-James

SYNOPSIS

Chasing Joy on Ice: The Untold Story of Women in Hockey follows the Chatham Women's Hockey Team and explores aspects of their happiness within the sport of ice hockey. Through visuals, interviews, and intimate conversations this documentary showcases and describes what female joy is to these athletes. This documentary broadens the sports narrative surrounding women's sports. It showcases that women's joy exists not to combat the system, but despite it. It offers how happiness is one of many missing pieces of media coverage necessary in growing and equalizing male and female sports.



CHATHAM WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

I have chosen the Chatham Women's hockey team to be the subject of this documentary because women's hockey at Chatham university is a very unique thing. Unlike most colleges Chatham had a women's hockey team before a men's team. Chatham is a NCAA Division III team which is one of the highest levels of competitive hockey women can compete at. I am a current senior on the team. Having my team be the subject allows me to enter the spaces and have the conversations that I could not get as an outsider. I know the experiences I am sharing because they are also my own.



ARTIST STATEMENT

There is a lack of documentaries that showcase the reality of women's sports without solely focusing on the biggest reality of women's sports discrimination. You can not separate women's sports from the discrimination they face, however, if women are only shown fighting for their equality we lose focus on the female athletes themselves. These types of documentaries also place the problem into the female athletes' hands. They are showcased as the ones who have to fight for equality. The picture that is constantly being painted is to be a female athlete is to be discriminated against. While any media for women can be seen as positive, and it is good to make the public aware of the discrimination women face in athletics; this documentary finds a new way to do it without taking away from women themselves. The documentary focuses on the truly unique experience of joy women feel when competing in competitive sports. It documents the team not adapting to the challenges faced in their discrimination in the media but existing despite it.

BIBLIOGRAPHY



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