

TEN9EIGHT

SHOOT FOR THE MOON

ABOUT MARY MAZZIO

Mary Mazzio, an award-winning director, Olympian, and former law firm partner, is Founder and CEO of 50 Eggs, an independent film production company. Mary wrote, directed and produced the highly-acclaimed award-winning films, *Lemonade Stories*, *Apple Pie* and *A Hero for Daisy* and recently completed *we are BlackRock*. Her most recent project is *Ten9Eight*, which tells the stories of several kids from low-income communities who discovered the power of entrepreneurship.

Mary's interest in the subject of entrepreneurship was piqued after she made *Lemonade Stories*, an award-winning film about extraordinary entrepreneurs and their mothers featuring Richard Branson, Arthur Blank and Kay Koplovitz among others. Mary's first film, *A Hero for Daisy* tells the story of Title IX pioneer and two-time Olympian Chris Ernst, who galvanized her rowing team to storm the Yale athletic director's office in 1976, protesting the lack of athletic facilities for women. The film was hailed by *The New York Times* as a "landmark film," was invited to screen at the Smithsonian, and is in thousands of classrooms across the country. This project was followed shortly by *Apple Pie*, an intimate film about star athletes and their moms. It serves as a tribute to the often-invisible strength, courage and power of mothers, a resounding theme in Mary's projects.

Mazzio, an Olympic athlete (1992-Rowing), is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Georgetown Law School. A recipient of several awards including the Women's Sports Foundation Journalism Award, a Gracie Award, a Myra Sadker Gender Equity Curriculum Award, a Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship (to Korea); the Mary Lyon Award (from Mount Holyoke College); and a Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship (to France), Mary, formerly a partner with the law firm of Brown Rudnick in Boston, MA, has served on a number of Boards of Directors including Shackleton Schools (which serve high school students in danger of failing in traditional high schools); Sojourner House (a homeless shelter); The Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras, The Head of the Charles Regatta, The National Rowing Foundation, and World T.E.A.M Sports (supporting disabled athletes). She has also served on the Advisory Board for The Rhode Island International Film Festival as well as serving as a judge for the Sports Emmys. The Schlesinger Library at Harvard University has requested all of Mazzio's papers for its collection.

Mazzio has also been the keynote speaker at numerous events and ceremonies (both corporate and educational) across the nation, including: the State of Nebraska Convention on Economic

Development; the NCAA Title IX Convention; The National Coalition of Girls' Schools Convention; the Women's Sports Foundation Convention; the National Association of Collegiate Women's Athletic Administrators' Convention; and USA Hockey's Patty Kazmaier Awards (celebrating the best collegiate hockey player in the country) as well as hundreds of events at universities and high schools across the country. She is a frequent guest on NECN, speaking on issues of the day. Mary is willing to disclose her height and true hair color - but refuses to disclose her golf handicap, particularly after her performance at the Drew Bledsoe Celebrity Golf Tournament where she participated as a celebrity (who nobody knew). She was, however, heckled by real celebrities – NFL great Lynn Swann and producer Bobby Farrelly (There's Something About Mary) for having brand new golf shoes. She heckled back.

Her work has been supported by New Balance, Welch's, BlackRock, Staples, CVS, Babson College, Life Is Good, Nike, Clif Bar, The John Templeton Foundation, the Kauffman Foundation, among others. Mary and her work have been featured in The New York Times, USA Today, Entertainment Weekly, TV Guide, Sports Illustrated, The Los Angeles Times, Business Week, The Boston Globe, The Christian Science Monitor, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Forbes.com, MSNMoney.com, CNN Sunday Morning, CNN Headline News, NPR (On Point, The Connection, It's Only A Game), Oxygen, ESPN's Sports Center, Baseball Tonight, and Cold Pizza.

Mazzio resides in Massachusetts with her husband, Jay Manson, and two children.