



OLYMPIC PRIDE - AMERICAN PREJUDICE



Olympic Pride, American Prejudice explores the experiences of 18 African American Olympians who defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Set against the turbulent atmosphere of a racially divided America, the film follows the journeys of 16 men and two women to compete in Berlin. They represented a country that considered them second class citizens and competed in a host country that rolled out the red carpet in spite of an undercurrent of Aryan superiority and anti-Semitism.

These athletes were world heroes yet returned home to a short-lived glory. This complicated, triumphant yet unheralded story is a vital part of history and is as relevant today as it was 80 years ago.

Pictured above and available for interviews: Deborah Riley Draper (Writer, Director, Producer), Blair Underwood (Narrator, Executive Producer), Dr. Amy Tiemann (Executive Producer)

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In 1936 when 18 African American athletes participated in the Berlin Olympic Games, history forgot all except one. This is the story of the other 17.

Show/Story Ideas:

Beyond Jesse Owens—the untold story of 18 heroic African American athletes at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Including:

Ralph Metcalfe, who went on to become a Congressman who co-wrote the resolution to create Black History Month.

Mack Robinson, older brother of Jackie Robinson. Mack broke the color barrier in 1936, a decade before Jackie became the first African American Major League Baseball Player, yet Mack's story has not been told until now.

Tidye Pickett and Louise Stokes, the first two African American women to represent the USA at the Olympics.

Before Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, and Martin Luther King Jr.—1936 Olympians were civil rights pioneers.

President Obama corrects historic Olympic snub—1936 athletes' families honored at the White House with Team USA.

Movie award-season buzz—*Olympic Pride, American Prejudice* is receiving rave reviews across the country.

#OscarsSoWhite one year later—meet writer, director, producer Deborah Riley Draper.

Women as independent filmmakers—Deborah Riley Draper of Coffee Bluff Productions and Amy Tiemann of Spark Productions team up to make documentary films their way.

A great selection for Holiday Gift Guides—DVD/VOD release on December 6th, in time for holiday gift-giving.

Black History Month—A new American history story for all audiences.

Educators' guide to teach this new chapter in Civil Rights history.



"Deft and comprehensive" - *The New York Times*

Rated 100% Fresh on Rotten Tomatoes by top critics.

Best Documentary and Audience Award - 2016 BronzeLens Film Festival

