

50 EGGS

MARY MAZZIO'S BIO

Mary Mazzio, an award-winning documentary film director, Olympian, and former law firm partner, is Founder and CEO of 50 Eggs, Inc., an independent film production company. Mary wrote, directed and produced the highly-acclaimed award-winning films, *TEN9EIGHT*, *The Apple Pushers*, *A Hero for Daisy*, *Contrarian*, *Apple Pie*, and *Lemonade Stories*. She is currently wrapping up *Underwater Dreams*, narrated by Michael Peña and funded by the Bezos Family Foundation and the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund, among others.

- *TEN9EIGHT* was theatrically released in a first-of-its-kind partnership with AMC Theatres (in New York, LA, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Miami and Kansas City), and broadcast on BET/Viacom, coinciding with the release of a companion book to the film from Scholastic and a screening at the White House Summit hosted by the US Department of Education and the Library of Congress. *New York Times* **Columnist, Tom Friedman**, said this about the film in *The New York Times*: “Obama should arrange for this movie to be shown in every classroom in America. It is the most inspirational, heartwarming film you will ever see.” Named as one of the 10 best documentary films on education by Take Part and selected as a finalist for VH1’s DO-SOMETHING Awards, the film was also called “inspiring... should be compulsory viewing in high schools around the country” (*Lael Lowenstein, Variety*), “very well made” (*Mike Hale, The New York Times*), “important,” (*Marshall Fine, Huffington Post*). The film received extraordinary press in *The New York Times*, *The Financial Times*, *Fortune Small Business, Inc. Magazine*, *BusinessWeek.com*, *TheAtlanticWire.com*, *ABC News*, *MSNBC*, *Fox News*, *CNBC*, *NPR*, *IMUS*, and others.
- *The Apple Pushers*, narrated by Academy-Award nominee Edward Norton and picked up for distribution by Oscilloscope (of which, Tracie McMillan of *The Atlantic* wrote: “emotionally, the film packs a wallop”), was exhibited theatrically on Earth Day in several cities by Whole Foods, followed by a nationwide broadcast on public television’s WORLD channel. The film has had a wide-ranging series of special screenings, including the likes of the Aspen Ideas Festival with Robin Schepper (head of Mrs. Obama’s “Let’s Move” campaign); the US Department of Agriculture with Kathleen Merrigan (Deputy Secretary of the USDA) for heads of federal agencies; to pop-up screenings organized by foundations, food policy activists, and policy leaders – all with the goal of sparking creative thinking about how to solve the obesity problem in low income neighborhoods. The film received coverage in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Fox Business*, *The Washington Post*, *Variety*, *Fast Company*, *Financial Times*, *Forbes.com*, *Bloomberg*, *MTV.com*, *EcoSalon*, among many others.
- *A Hero for Daisy* was hailed by *The New York Times* as a “landmark film” and “fantastic” by *Sports Illustrated*; “remarkable” by *NPR*; aired nationwide on ESPN Classics, Oxygen, WGBH, and WTSN-Canada; was invited to screen at the Smithsonian; and is in thousands of classrooms across the country.
- *Contrarian*, narrated by Fred Dalton Thompson, chronicles the life of legendary stock

investor John Templeton. Reviewed favorably by *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor* recommended the film as one of “Top Picks” and *Movieguide*, in a four star review, described the film as a “fascinating documentary produced with a delicate sense of grace.” *Contrarian* aired primetime nationwide on Bloomberg Television, and internationally throughout Asia (prime-time) on Bloomberg Television.

- *Apple Pie* aired nationwide on ESPN to critical acclaim, and was called “illuminating – told with deftness and emotion... priceless” by *The New York Times*; “heartwarming” by *Los Angeles Times*; “fantastic”- *NPR*, and “excellent” - *CNN*. The film was also a recommended pick in both *Entertainment Weekly* and *TVGuide*. *Lemonade Stories*, which aired nationwide on CNNfn (and which aired nationwide in Latin America, the UK, Israel, the Middle East, New Zealand, and Hong Kong), was the subject of cover stories by *USA Today* (complete with a trailer and photos on *USA Today’s* splash page), *Forbes.com*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *ABC News.com*, as well as featured on *NPR*, Bloomberg Radio, and in *Fast Company*.

Mazzio, an Olympic athlete (1992-Rowing), is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Georgetown Law School. She is a recipient of several awards including an honorary degree from Mount Holyoke College; the Women's Sports Foundation Journalism Award, a Gracie Award, a Myra Sadker Gender Equity Curriculum Award, a Henry Luce Foundation Fellowship (to Korea), 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, Sojourner House (a homeless shelter), The 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 as a judge for the Sports Emmys. The Schlesinger Library at Harvard University has requested all of Mazzio’s papers for its collection.

Mary and her work have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Financial Times*, *Fortune*, *USA Today*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *TV Guide*, *Sports Illustrated*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Business Week*, *Variety*, *The Atlantic.com*, *MTV.com*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, *Forbes.com*, *MSNMoney.com*, ABC News Now, CNN Sunday Morning, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox Business News, PBS Nightly News Report, CNN Headline News, NPR (On Point, The Connection, It’s Only A Game), Oxygen, ESPN’s *Sports Center*, *Baseball Tonight*, and *Cold Pizza*, HuffingtonPost.com, GOOD Magazine, Yahoo News, Washington Times, among others. Mary’s story has been chronicled in the books *One Person, Multiple Careers* (by former NY Times columnist Marci Alboher) and *168 Hours* (by USA Today writer Laura Vanderkam).

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