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**WATCH *THE BOYS OF '36* UNDER THE STARS WITH KCTS 9**

Free Public Screening of film based on *The Boys in the Boat*  
July 29 at Seattle Center's Mural Amphitheatre

**SEATTLE**—Join KCTS 9 at Seattle Center on July 29 for a free preview screening of American Experience's *The Boys of '36*. Inspired by Daniel James Brown's bestseller *The Boys in the Boat*, this documentary recounts the thrilling underdog story of nine young men from the University of Washington rowing team who took the nation by storm when they captured gold at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany.

This special outdoor screening will be held at Seattle Center's Mural Amphitheatre on **Friday, July 29**; gates open at **8:30 pm**. The screening is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are highly encouraged. [Visit KCTS9.org now for details about how to RSVP for this free event.](http://KCTS9.org) The event is made possible by KCTS 9 in partnership with Seattle Center and SIFF, and is sponsored by Delta Air Lines, MOHAI and KCLS. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests are encouraged to bring low back chairs, blankets, and food and beverages and picnic on the Mural Amphitheatre lawn.

Featuring interviews with author Daniel James Brown, historians and surviving children of the 1936 Washington team, *The Boys of '36* premieres Tuesday, August 2 at 9:00 pm on KCTS 9 and other PBS stations in conjunction with the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the miracle crew's triumph.

"*The Boys of '36* is really an inspiring story," said Mark Samels, American Experience Executive Producer. "These remarkable young men — with nothing more than strength of character, hard work and determination — triumphed over unimaginable odds. We're proud to bring this story, so vividly recounted in Brown's bestseller, to our audience."

In conjunction with the documentary, KCTS 9 has produced local stories including an interview with Daniel James Brown, best-selling author of *The Boys in the Boat*; a look at

the winning legacy of legendary local boat-builder George Pocock; profiles of the nine rowers who captured the gold; and more. The local stories are featured online at [kcts9.org/boys-of-36](http://kcts9.org/boys-of-36).

**American Experience's *The Boys of '36* premieres on KCTS 9 and PBS stations nationwide on August 2, 2016 at 9:00 pm.**

For a press preview of *The Boys of '36*, or to arrange an interview with Executive Producer Mark Samels and/or co-producers Mary Carillo and Margaret Grossi (who will be here in Seattle to attend special KCTS 9 events in conjunction with the film), contact [hcullen@kcts9.org](mailto:hcullen@kcts9.org).

### **About the film**

*The Boys of '36* is the story of nine working class young men from the University of Washington who defied the odds when they won the gold medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. These sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers overcame tremendous hardships—psychological, physical and economic—to beat not only the Ivy League teams of the East Coast but Adolf Hitler's elite German rowers. Their unexpected victory, and the obstacles they overcame to achieve it, gave hope to a nation struggling to emerge from the depths of the Depression.



The University of Washington's varsity crew team at the Poughkeepsie Regatta Races in June 1936. Pictured: Bob Moch, Coxwain; Don Hume, Stroke; Joe Rantz, 7; George Hunt, 6; Jim McMillin, 5; John White, 4; Gordon Adams, 3; Charles Day, 2; and Roger Morris, 1. Images for editorial use only. (Photo on right courtesy of University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections, UW37304; photo on left courtesy of ©Corbis.)

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