



**Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro  
continues with WINNING GIRL by Kimberlee Bassford**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015, on Public Television's  
WORLD Channel at 8 p.m.**

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“To call Teshya ambitious would be an understatement.”  
-- Rob Kay, Hawaii Reporter

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April 6, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – Kimberlee Bassford’s documentary **WINNING GIRL** will have its national television broadcast premiere on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 8 p.m. on WORLD Channel as part of the third season of the **AMERICA REFRAMED** series. ([Find it here.](#)) Audiences across the nation can also view the film FREE starting May 13, 2015 on <http://worldchannel.org/>.

Teshya Alo is 16 years old and weighs 125 pounds. But on the judo and wrestling mats, she throws women twice her age and many pounds heavier. And she beats boys. Now she has her sights set on taking gold at both the judo and wrestling world championships. If she does, she'd be the first and youngest athlete ever to win world championships in two different sports in the same year. But it won't be easy.

Teshya lives in Hawai'i and the cost to travel to mainland tournaments drains her family's resources. She's a student at Kamehameha Schools and she's going through puberty. **WINNING GIRL** follows the four-year journey of this part-Polynesian teenage judo and wrestling phenomenon from Hawai'i, and in doing so tells the dynamic story of an elite athlete on her ascent, a girl facing the challenges of growing up, and an entire family dedicated to a single dream.

“**WINNING GIRL** defies gender stereotypes in the sports world while connecting her story to family and tradition,” says Chris Hastings, Co- Executive Producer, America ReFramed.

“AmDoc is thrilled to collaborate with WORLD Channel and WGBH on the third season of **AMERICA REFRAMED** presenting encores and television premieres of important films such as **WINNING GIRL**. As co-producers, we share a passion for storytellers committed to helping us gain a deeper and more nuanced understanding of America today,” says Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, American Documentary, Inc.



### **Film Credits**

**Director and Producer:** Kimberlee Bassford  
**Cinematographer:** Henry Mochida  
**Editor:** Shirley Thompson  
**Sound:** James De Mello, John McFadden

### **About AMERICA REFRAMED**

**AMERICA REFRAMED** is a co-production of the WORLD Channel and American Documentary, Inc. and is hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro.

Through the lens of independent documentaries, AMERICA REFRAMED brings to national audiences compelling stories that illuminate the changing contours of an ever-evolving America. The 26-week, social-issue documentary series presents an array of personal voices and experiences, through which we learn from our past, understand our present and are challenged to seek new frameworks for America's future.

Season three of AMERICA REFRAMED curates a diverse selection of films highlighting innovative and artistic approaches to storytelling from emerging to veteran filmmakers alike. Viewers will be immersed in personal stories from the streets of towns big and small to the ex-burbs and country roads that span the spectrum of American life. The documentaries invite audiences to reflect on topics as varied as culture, healthcare, politics, gun violence, religion and more. Hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro, several episodes will feature a roundtable discussion with special guest commentators and filmmakers.

AMERICA REFRAMED has won five 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Awards, three Telly Awards, a Gracie Award and recently was nominated for its second national Imagen Award, which honors films featuring Latinos and their culture in television and film.

### **AMERICA REFRAMED Series Credits**

**Executive Producers:** Chris Hastings, Simon Kilmurry  
**Series Producer:** Carmen L. Vicencio  
**Host:** Natasha Del Toro

### **Web and Social Media**

AMERICA REFRAMED can be accessed online via  
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### AMERICA REFRAMED Co-Producers

**American Documentary, Inc.** (AmDoc) is a multimedia company dedicated to creating, identifying and presenting contemporary stories that express opinions and perspectives rarely featured in mainstream media outlets. AmDoc is a catalyst for public culture, developing collaborative strategic engagement activities around socially relevant content on television, online and in community settings. These activities are designed to trigger action, from dialogue and feedback to educational opportunities and community participation.

**The WORLD Channel** delivers the best of public television's nonfiction, news and documentary programming to US audiences through local public television stations and streaming online at [worldchannel.org](http://worldchannel.org). WORLD reached 35 million unique viewers 18+ last year (55% adults 18-49) and over-indexes in key diversity demographics.\* Online, the WORLD Channel expands on broadcast topics and fuels dialogue across social media, providing opportunities for broad and diverse audience interaction. (*Source: Nielsen Local Buyer Reach Scorecard 01/13-12/13*)

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