

Stockton to Host Free Screening and Dialogue on Film about Olympic Boxer Claressa ‘T-Rex’ Shields in Hammonton and Manahawkin

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University and WHYY Philadelphia will present two free preview screenings and community dialogue on the documentary, “T-Rex: Her Fight for Gold,” the coming-of-age story of boxing phenomenon Claressa “T-Rex” Shields, who won the Olympic gold medal for women’s boxing in 2012.

The film will be shown on **Wednesday, July 6** from noon-2 p.m. at Kramer Hall, Stockton University’s instructional site at 30 Front St., Hammonton, N.J., and on **Thursday, July 28** from 2-4 p.m. at the Manahawkin Instructional Site, 712 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, N.J.

Shields, of Flint, Michigan,

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When Shields stands on top of the podium in London, clutching her gold medal and laughing uncontrollably, she, like many around her, thought her struggles were behind her. But back home, as Shields and Crutchfield watch fellow athletes receive recognition and endorsements, no one comes forward to support her, raising questions about race, class and gender bias.

Agents suggested she should soften her image. "She's not going to do that," says co-director Canepari. "She's raw and honest. And stubborn. She wants to succeed on her own terms."

This film screening will be followed by a community discussion facilitated by Stockton staff member and adjunct instructor Diana Strelczyk.

The event is free, but attendees are requested at: www.stockton.edu/servicelearning.

For more information, email Diana.Strelczyk@stockton.edu or call 609-652-4256.

The film's broadcast is timed to coincide with Shields' return to the Olympic boxing ring at the Rio de Janeiro games this summer. The film premieres on Independent Lens on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 10-11:30 p.m. ET on PBS.