



Chicago Force Documentary World Premiere

Chicago Filmmakers in International Competition

Chicago, IL - Chicago filmmakers Ronit Bezalel, Laurie Little and Sree Nallamothu, have just completed *A Day on the Force: Women's Pro-Tackle Football* featuring Chicago's first pro-tackle women's football team, the Chicago Force. This upbeat, humorous film chronicles the challenges and triumphs of the Chicago Force, the newest member of the Independent Women's Football League.

Although Title IX has done much to even the playing field, women and girls still face an uphill battle for equality in the world of sports. This is true for every sport, but perhaps because pro-tackle women's football challenges normative gender roles more than any other sport, the Chicago Force has thus far lacked the media coverage, endorsement options, respect, and economic support granted to the city's male professional teams. This, despite the fact that the Force is currently the city's only undefeated professional sports team.

A Day on the Force: Women's Pro-Tackle Football has heart, humor, and respect for the women carving out their dreams as professional athletes. Incredibly, the film was shot and edited in 72 hours as part of the 72 Hour Feature Project (72 HFP).

The 72 HFP, an international filmmaking competition, requires participants to complete a feature-length motion picture in 72 hours or less. Using nine camera crews and amassing over 40 hours of footage, the film was cut in less than 72 hours using four computer systems. Little, Nallamothu, and Bezalel worked with editor Carmine Cervi of the local production company, BulletProof Film, Inc. to shape the film.

A Day on the Force is an important and timely documentary. The film will have its WORLD PREMIERE FRIDAY, JUNE 20, AT 6 P.M. AT THE GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER, 164 N. STATE STREET, CHICAGO.