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## **Rocks With Wings**

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**★ TORONTO PREMIERE**

**Dir./Prod. Rick Derby, USA**

2001, DV, colour, 120:00 min

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Thirteen years in the making, *Rocks with Wings* is an eye-opening personal and cultural foray into the world of girls' high school basketball in the Navajo community of Shiprock, N.M. It traces the journey of the Lady Chieftains and then African American basketball star coach Jerry Richardson, as they develop from an unknown team to a state powerhouse. The mutual and exclusive struggles of the young girls and their coach make this more than a film about winning or losing – it is a film about pride, heritage and courage. *Rocks with Wings* was the recent recipient of the HBO Documentary Feature Prize.

*Co-Producer Cathy Newby is a Navajo from Tohatchi. Her background working for a local sports show in New Mexico, Sports Look, gave her the perfect background to produce the 1988 game footage.*