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A FILM BY KEITH AUMONT

On the tiny island of Curaçao, Manager Vernon Isabella has sent his Little League All-Stars to the World Series for seven consecutive years, routinely defeating such baseball powerhouses as Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic to win a spot in Williamsport. How do they do it?

This film tries to crack the code of Curaçao's phenomenal success. It explores what baseball means to Curaçao, a tropical paradise where tourists enjoy beautiful beaches while residents deal with the harsher realities of a country still struggling to define itself economically and politically.

At its core, BOYS OF SUMMER is a film about the universally beloved pastime of baseball, examined from a unique perspective. It's about children carrying the privilege and burden of a nation's pride. It's about young men achieving excellence through teamwork, confidence, and community support, while having the time of their lives. (2010, 94 min, US, English)

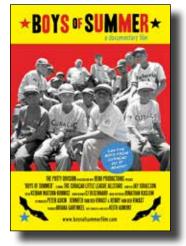
AWARDS

Best Documentary Audience Award, Latin American Film Festival, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Best Sound, Sport Film Festival, Palermo, Italy



Keith Aumont is a Brooklyn-based filmmaker who completed his master's degree at the graduate film program at Columbia University School of the Arts. As president of The Putty Division, Keith produces and directs films, television programs, commercials, videos and interstitials for such companies as VICE Media, Nike, DSW, CMT and National Geographic. His short films have won a National Board of Review award and Microsoft's Most Outstanding Digital Short award. "Boys of Summer" is Keith's first feature film.



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"With team manager Vernon Isabella at the helm, the players learn about baseball, hard work, overcoming obstacles and continually display national pride on their road to the championship series."

- NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
- "Charming... Delightful screen presences, and the soundtrack of island jams begs for its own album."
- SAN ANTONIO CURRENT
- "...A dedicated, determined Little League team that bested clubs from larger nations and made it to Williamsport seven years running. Boys of Summer documents the race to win in the eighth year. It's a Hoop Dreams story with the charm of knowing that the payback for victory is self-respect."
- EXPRESS MILWAUKEE
- "BOYS OF SUMMER is a rare, interesting look at the ups and downs of youth sports."
- SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

"To a rollicking soundtrack, viewers see some nice action montages of the kids practicing, goofing off in their spare time, and coping with a degree of celebrity. There are also some intriguing glimpses into their home life."

- LIBRARY JOURNAL
- "...delightful story of hard work, fundamentals and David vs. Goliath baseball."
- HUFFINGTON POST
- "Inspirational and fast-paced... BOYS OF SUMMER is a winner. A true story of determination."
- DVD VERDICT
- "...A great film... Sports can motivate us, educate us, and drive us to meet or exceed our expectations. Sometimes, playing a game even helps us to just have expectations of what can be. We get to experience new things, which sets the stage for enlightenment one may not ever imagine without sports."
- SPORTS DOING GOOD



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SCREENINGS

World Premiere, HBO New York International Latino Film Festival

Latin American Film Festival, Utrecht, The Netherlands Aruba International Film Festival The Cinemas, Curação

New Orleans Film Festival National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY Dominican Republic Global Film Festival Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio Winternachten Festival, The Hague, Netherlands Cine Las Americas International Film Festival, Austin Palm Beach International Film Festival Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival, Sebastopol, CA Billtown Film Festival, Community Arts Center, Williamsport African Diaspora International Film Festival, Columbia

University, New York Manhattan Youth Baseball Fundraiser, New York

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CREDITS & TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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Co-Producers: Peter Askin, Jennifer van der Kwast, Henry van der Kwast

Editor: Keiran Watson-Bonnice

Composer: Jay Israelson

Sound Designer: CJ DeGennaro

Music Supervisor: Jonathan Kaslow

Starring Vernon Isabella and the Curação Little League All-Stars

Year: 2010

Length: 94 minutes

Language: English

Country: USA