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PBS Hawaii showcases Olympic wrestling hopefuls BACK-TO-BACK PROGRAMS ON TESHYA ALO, CLARISSA CHUN TO AIR APRIL 7

HONOLULU, HI – PBS Hawaii hosts a special broadcast presentation April 7 featuring two female wrestlers from Hawaii, just as they compete for a shot at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio.

Teshya Alo, 18, and Clarissa Chun, 34, will be in Iowa City, IA, April 9-10 at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials. Top athletes from across the nation will be there, hoping to represent the U.S.



Alo

Chun

Right before the trials, the documentary **Winning Girl** will make its PBS Hawaii debut April 7 at 8:00 pm. The locally produced documentary follows Alo for four years, as she competes in judo and wrestling tournaments around the world. Then at 9:00 pm, a re-edited **Long Story Short with Leslie Wilcox** features a 2013 interview with Chun, who calls wrestling a “fun but gruesome sport.” The back-to-back presentation will also feature updates from both women.

“This is a timely presentation on the monumentally determined Hawaii women whose strength of body, mind and heart has taken them all the way to the 2016 Olympic wrestling trials,” said Leslie Wilcox, PBS Hawaii President and CEO.

“My mindset is just being in the moment and taking it all in because this is my last run at it,” said Chun about her preparation for this year’s Olympic Trials. “There is no more four years for me after this.” Chun previously earned a bronze medal at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

For Alo, the Olympic Trials is a culmination of the training she’s gone through since age 6, saying she is “ready to deploy.” In a statement, she said: “It will be historical for me to show the world through action, not words, that dreaming big works – because I understand that dreaming means to work.”

Hawaii filmmaker Kimberlee Bassford and her production company, Making Waves Films LLC, are behind *Winning Girl*. Previously, Bassford produced *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority*, a documentary on the late U.S. Representative that aired on PBS stations nationwide in 2009.

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