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SPEAKERS

Sarah Courville

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Sarah Courville 00:07

Sarah, how do you hold this thing? It feels so flimsy, like, I feel like I'm gonna drop it like, whoa. Oh no, sorry,
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Sarah Courville 00:17

What was the- what was the question? Right, uh.
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Sarah Courville 00:23

Being a mom.
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Sarah Courville 00:25

I mean, no one really wants to hear about the fact that I made you guys blueberry muffins like 5000 times. Like how many favorite children do I have?
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Sarah Courville 00:35

No, just kidding. I have I have two favorite children.
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Sarah Courville 00:39

I don't know I I mean, I never really thought I was gonna have kids.

- S** Sarah Courville 00:43
You know, I was I was old. You know, I was 37 when when your brother was born and I was was 39- When- When you're born and when your dad said we can have babies
- S** Sarah Courville 00:57
I will I will never forget the feeling of-I felt like I won the lottery of-of life.
- S** Sarah Courville 01:07
That that's like like really the whole story about being a mom.
- S** Sarah Courville 01:15
So how's this gonna work? Are they gonna? Are they gonna see the tapes? Or are you just performing the tapes?
- S** Sarah Courville 01:22
Okay, good cuz I really gotta watch this toothpaste off. My shirt is really bothering me. It's like this huge and I might wear this shirt tomorrow.
- S** Sarah Courville 01:35
My voice?
- S** Sarah Courville 01:37
Oh, oh, like when you're performing?
- S** Sarah Courville 01:40
I don't know. Let me let me hear your impression of me.
- S** Sarah Courville 01:53
Maybe you should just talk normally.
- S** Sarah Courville 01:56

Like maybe you'll say something that I say and you'll say it the

S Sarah Courville 01:59
way I see And from there you'll you'll just have

S Sarah Courville 02:02
to wing it.

S Sarah Courville 02:05
Don't be scared my darling.

S Sarah Courville 02:09
I believe in you.

S Sarah Courville 02:18
In January 2018 article published by Johns Hopkins magazine, Film and Media Studies director Linda DeLibero explains the importance of docu-drama, referring to any performance in which the characters are based on real people. Typically, docu dramas focus on people who have changed the world, pushing to the wayside stories of non celebrities.

S Sarah Courville 02:39
However,

S Sarah Courville 02:40
for this performance, I played the one character

S Sarah Courville 02:42
who has changed my world. My mom.

S Sarah Courville 02:48
Using recording the phone calls, text messages, FaceTime and phone conversations with her over the last eight months. I present a single voice docu drama compilation exploring the woman who has given me everything. I know forensics emphasizes the importance of the audience but honestly. this isn't just for

you.

It's for me,

and it's for her. Mom,

By Carolyn Courville.

You know, the only thing I ever wanted for you kids and truly and I really mean the only thing I ever wanted for you guys was and you know what I'm gonna say

is to be happy.

Early on that was that was my only goal was was to raise happy people And I, I like to think I succeeded.

So what else do you want to know? Like Am I gonna have to cry about my past or something? You know, don't you need that question? Isn't it supposed to be like,

like a dramatic sort of thing?

Well, yeah, that'll be sad.

S Sarah Courville 04:07
But if I'm gonna talk about that I'm going to make a pot of tea.

S Sarah Courville 04:17
Uh, well, your father and I were married for 20 years and I was happy for 12 of them.

S Sarah Courville 04:26
I'll never forget turning down Longshadow Lane thinking, that thinking I really don't want to go home.

S Sarah Courville 04:36
I remember that day.

S Sarah Courville 04:39
I remember thinking, really











S Sarah Courville 04:44
like, when did that happen?

S Sarah Courville 04:48
And so after the divorce was final, you know, I couldn't wait to get back out there I was, I was so lonely and, and so I started looking and I found John, my first ever eharmony date.

S Sarah Courville 05:08
And we were so happy.

S Sarah Courville 05:12
He was my

S Sarah Courville 05:14
my best friend.

-  Sarah Courville 05:17
We we moved to Portland together and and we got married and
-  Sarah Courville 05:23
we had all these these these beautiful, beautiful life plans together.
-  Sarah Courville 05:40
And then he died.
-  Sarah Courville 05:46
And I miss him so much.
-  Sarah Courville 05:52
he really did love my blueberry muffins.
-  Sarah Courville 05:56
Careful, it's hot.
-  Sarah Courville 06:03
So now I live in Portland all by myself, and...
-  Sarah Courville 06:12
Nobody loves me here, so
-  Sarah Courville 06:18
I don't know.
-  Sarah Courville 06:21
I don't know what I'm gonna do I'm gonna have to figure it out I guess.

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Sarah Courville 06:30

You know, I've actually thinking about that a lot, about what happens in in May when you when you graduate. And I still remember your very first drama team tournament in junior high school and you went in no doubt expecting to win several gold medals and perhaps a Nobel Prize.

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Sarah Courville 06:49

You left the tournament and you you burst into tears of true anger and rage, anger and rage.

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Sarah Courville 06:54

You had not won anything! Nothing!

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Sarah Courville 06:59

I let you cry. You have to learn about losing.

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Sarah Courville 07:07

And now here you are,

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Sarah Courville 07:11

getting ready for your your last big tournament and then then then you're just be done and in that's really like the last thing I I do as your mom and

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Sarah Courville 07:21

and then you'll just be out there, you know, another adult.

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Sarah Courville 07:27

I don't know, I guess the whole not getting a trophy thing is it's pretty much what happens your entire life.

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Sarah Courville 07:35

Not that I'm saying you won't get a trophy! I guess

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Sarah Courville 07:42

I'm just a little worried you know i'm i'm nervous that I'm not a

- S** Sarah Courville 07:48
an interesting enough character.
- S** Sarah Courville 07:53
Will you show me a little bit of it?
- S** Sarah Courville 07:55
I know, I know I know I guess I kind of just want to see what you're doing
- S** Sarah Courville 08:00
Can you show me that the beginning part what do you call it? The teaser right? Ok, I'll be fine. You're doing the book thing, that's so embarrassing! No, no, keep going!
- S** Sarah Courville 08:22
No, no I'm sorry, no, it's okay. It's just so beautiful.
- S** Sarah Courville 09:19
And really weird. And the voice was close.
- S** Sarah Courville 09:28
Sarah, um
- S** Sarah Courville 09:32
when you're pretending to be me
- S** Sarah Courville 09:37
can you make me sound
- S** Sarah Courville 09:40
sort of hopeful. and

...and happy, and

S Sarah Courville 09:44
joyful and not pathetic?

S Sarah Courville 09:51
Because I don't feel pathetic. I feel so proud. I mean,

S Sarah Courville 10:01
I just love you so much.

S Sarah Courville 10:08
That

S Sarah Courville 10:10
that's like really the whole story about being a mom.