

# RINGSIDE

by Andre Hörmann



## SYNOPSIS

RINGSIDE looks at the dangerous, volatile world of Chicago's South Side from the perspective of two remarkably gifted young boxers and the fathers who train them; as one begins a rising career in the ring, the other serves time in prison.

KENNETH SIMS SR. and DESTYNE BUTLER SR. have sacrificed everything in the interest of achieving the same goal: making their sons, KENNY JR. and DESTYNE Jr. boxing champions and thus breaking the vicious circle of poverty and violence their families have struggled against for generations.

It's a fight against overwhelming odds – many try but few succeed – and there are a host of disappointments along the way. Kenny Jr. is crushed by his failed Olympic bid but with the help of Kenny Sr., he redoubles his efforts and starts winning amateur bouts which draws the attention of a well-known boxing promoter. The boxing career of Destyne Jr. gets put on hold when he's convicted of burglary, which his father, Destyne Sr., addresses by...

## FESTIVALS

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69 Berlinale GENERATION 14plus - world premiere

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Goldener Spatz

Sydney IFF

FF Cologne

Chicago IFF

## CAST AND CREW

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