

CHARACTER

A Documentary Series

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SUZY HOTROD – THE MOVIE

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NEW YORK, Nov. 6, 2017 – This past weekend, viewers of the 2017 WFTDA Championship broadcast got their first peek at a new movie starring roller derby player Suzy Hotrod.

(Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl7nSPykwv4>)

The one-hour documentary, “**Suzy Hotrod: Roller Derby Star**”, will debut on the [CharacterNYC](#) YouTube channel in early 2018.

The film follows the daily life of Suzy Hotrod, the last original member of New York City’s [Gotham Girls Roller Derby](#) league—and arguably one of the most well-known names in modern roller derby.

After helping lead the Gotham Girls to five national championship victories—and, as part of Team USA, winning both Roller Derby World Cups—Suzy retired from national competition in 2015. Nowadays, she continues to skate for her local team, The Queens of Pain, and—when she’s not traveling the world as a guest coach—she helps train young girls for Gotham’s popular Junior Derby program.

This video is the second installment in an ongoing series, entitled “**Character**”, which filmmaker Leon Chase describes as “One man’s attempt to document a vanishing breed: The New York City Eccentric.”

Over the course of their six-month season, Suzy and her teammates gave Chase unprecedented access to their derby lives: the grueling practice sessions, the impassioned pre-game speeches, and, at one point, a group tattoo session. The film also answers the burning question: What do derby girls *really* talk about in the locker room? (Spoiler alert: smelly pads and solid-gold toilets, mostly.)

Off the track, the film gives equal time to the other, slightly less competitive aspects of Suzy’s life: Her day job as a freelance food photographer, her stint as a video game character, the nude photo shoot for ESPN, and her passion for pinball, pop art, and all things punk rock. It also touches on the early history of the Gotham Girls, and the peculiar experience of becoming “derby famous”. And, in keeping with the series, there’s a broader focus on the unique joys—and challenges—of daily life in New York City.

As Chase says, “There’s this mythology about New York, at least in movies and TV, that if you just follow your dream, the city’s going to hand you money and recognition and a roller-rink-sized apartment. And that is very much not the case. Life can be tough here. Even for Suzy Hotrod.”

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