

## BIOGRAPHY

Jill Coulon has been working on photography and documentary for more than 7 years. She first worked with international documentary producer Christine Le Goff ("The Origins of Aids", "Wild Blue Yonder") during 3 years. Then she became Thomas Balmès' assistant on his feature doc "Babies" (to be released in the US on May 7th, and in France on June 16th), produced by Alain Chabat/ Chez Wam, worked with him during 4 years before directing her film documentary for NHK and Planète in Japan: " A Normal Life. Chronicle of a sumo wrestler" (part of NHK Tokyo Modern Series).

## SHORT SYNOPSIS:

18 years old Takuya gives in to his father's wishes and enrolls in a sumo school even though he prefers judo. Takuya swaps his trendy clothes for the traditional Japanese kimono and moves to Tokyo. His father has a warning for him as he leaves : « Do you realize there is no place for you if you come back ? ». Coproduced by Japanese TV NHK as part of its « Tokyo Modern Series », granting an exceptional access, this documentary film follows the first 9 months of Takuya's initiation, telling about the dreams and disenchantments of a teenager who is discovering the reality of the traditional world of sumo.

## CREDITS :

Director : Jill Coulon.

Producers : Thomas Balmès (Margot Films), Patrick Winocour & Juliette Guigon (Quark Productions), Ryota Kotani (executive producer NHK)

Broadcasters : NHK (Japan), Planète (France)

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