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Anne Boleyn: Arrest, Trial, Execution

3 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Arrests

In the first episode, Arrests, we explore Anne's final days of freedom, her relationships with the men she was accused of committing adultery with (including her brother), her last letter to her husband (or elaborate forgery) and the confession of the musician Mark Smeaton that led to her arrest and how her one time ally, Thomas Cromwell, led the case against her.

2. Charges

In episode two, Charges, we examine Boleyn's adultery, incest and the conspiracy to murder the King. Each of the charges will be explored in more detail and how the jury (which included her own father) and entire Tudor legal system meant the deck was stacked against her from the minute she was arrested. We also look at the role of the Seymour family, who had a Queen of their own waiting in the wings for Anne to fall.

3. Verdicts

In the final episode, Verdicts, we focus on the outcome of trial. Anne was tried before a jury of her peers in the King's Hall of the Tower of London - a public spectacle that attracted over 2,000 spectators. We'll see the trial play out, from Anne's spirited defence to the court (presided over by her uncle) to the final verdict. Was it an orchestrated plot or were the accusations legitimate? Why didn't the men condemned with her protest her innocence? We finally look at some new evidence which suggests that Anne's execution was a foregone conclusion.