

THIRTEEN/WNET FEATURES THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED PLAY *BETRAYED* ON PUBLIC TELEVISION IN OCTOBER

In early 2007, George Packer published an article in *The New Yorker* about Iraqi interpreters who jeopardized their lives on behalf of the Americans in Iraq, with little or no U.S. protection or security. The article drew national attention to the humanitarian crisis.

Thirteen/WNET will premiere a special presentation of the critically-acclaimed play *BETRAYED*, based on Packer's interviews in Baghdad, on Thursday, October 23 at 9 p.m. The live-to-tape performance will feature an introduction by Packer.

BETRAYED tells the story of three young Iraqis - two men and one woman - motivated to risk everything by America's promise of freedom. The play explores the complex relationships among the Iraqis themselves and highlights their struggle to find purpose in life all while their country is falling apart around them. "*BETRAYED* humanizes the devastating subtleties of war," says producer and filmmaker Julie Cohen. "I jumped on the opportunity to bring this play to a larger audience and am excited that Thirteen/WNET will showcase the performance for public television viewers."

The broadcast version of *BETRAYED* is a production of BetterThanFiction Productions for Thirteen/WNET New York. Julie Cohen is producer and director.

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