



**Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro  
continues with SHELL SHOCKED by John Richie**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015, on WORLD Channel  
at 8 p.m. (check local listings)**

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*The stories hit home for me, but I suspect the stories are compelling no matter what your experiences might be. And they shed light on what policy makers often miss.* – The Huffington Post, James Perry, New Orleans Advocate

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January 12, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – John Richie's documentary **SHELL SHOCKED** has its national broadcast television premiere on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 8 p.m. on WORLD Channel (check local listings) as part of the third season of the **AMERICA REFRAMED** series. Audiences across the nation can also view the film at no cost from February 18<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> at <http://worldchannel.org/>.

New Orleans, Louisiana is one of the "murder capitals" of the United States. For the last decade, statistics have shown murder rates four to six times higher than the national average. Eighty percent of the victims are black males, mostly in their teenage years. **SHELL SHOCKED** starts at the surface of New Orleans' teen murder epidemic and delves into the hearts and minds of those whose lives are most deeply impacted -- the youths who live in fear of violence, the parents who grieve a loss they will never fully transcend, and the mentors and officials who are dedicated to touching, and perhaps saving, one life at a time.

Topically, the film will lay out the big picture of a city plagued by murder and violence; it will describe, in simplified terms, how children's lives are shaped by family, schools, poverty, and a stressed criminal justice system; and, finally, it will present solutions related to individual, community, and administrative choices.

Following the television broadcast premiere, host Natasha Del Toro discusses crime and victimhood with journalist Carla Murphy.

"**SHELL SHOCKED** brings us close to the hearts and minds of survivors of community violence in New Orleans and introduces us to a cadre of unsung leaders who are working on the front lines of creative community engagement to impact youth," says Chris Hastings, executive producer, WORLD Channel, and co-executive producer, **AMERICA REFRAMED**.

"AmDoc is thrilled to collaborate with WORLD Channel and WGBH on the third season of **AMERICA REFRAMED** presenting the television premieres and encores of



important films such as SHELL SHOCKED. As co-producers, we share a passion for storytellers committed to helping us gain a deeper and more nuanced understanding of America today," says Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, American Documentary, Inc.

**SHELL SHOCKED** airs February 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm on WORLD Channel (check local listings) and will stream for free online until March 19<sup>th</sup> at [worldchannel.org/americareframed](http://worldchannel.org/americareframed).

### Film Credits

Executive Producer, Director:	John Richie
Producer:	Jonathan Jahnke
Director of Photography:	Declan Ryan
Editor:	Brent Joseph
Co-Writers:	John Richie & Brent Joseph
Narrator:	Ameer Baraka
Composer:	Gabriel Velasco
Original Title Track "Shell Shocked":	Koan

### About AMERICA REFRAMED

**AMERICA REFRAMED** is a co-production of the WORLD Channel and American Documentary, Inc. and is hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro.

Through the lens of independent documentaries, AMERICA REFRAMED brings to national audiences compelling stories that illuminate the changing contours of an ever-evolving America. The 26-week, social-issue documentary series presents an array of personal voices and experiences through which we learn from our past, understand our present and are challenged to seek new frameworks for America's future.

Season three of AMERICA REFRAMED curates a diverse selection of films highlighting innovative and artistic approaches to storytelling from emerging to veteran filmmakers alike. Viewers will be immersed in personal stories from the streets of towns big and small to the ex-burbs and country roads that span the spectrum of American life. The documentaries invite audiences to reflect on topics as varied as culture, healthcare, politics, gun violence, religion and more. Hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro, several episodes will feature a roundtable discussion with special guest commentators and filmmakers.

AMERICA REFRAMED in its first season won five 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Awards, and recently was nominated for its second national Imagen Award, which honors films featuring Latinos and their culture in television and film.

### AMERICA REFRAMED Series Credits

Executive Producers:	Chris Hastings, Simon Kilmurry
Series Producer:	Carmen Vicencio
Host:	Natasha Del Toro



### **Web and Social Media**

AMERICA REFRAMED can be accessed online via  
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and,  
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### **AMERICA REFRAMED Co-Producers**

**American Documentary, Inc.** (AmDoc) is a multimedia company dedicated to creating, identifying and presenting contemporary stories that express opinions and perspectives rarely featured in mainstream media outlets. AmDoc is a catalyst for public culture, developing collaborative strategic engagement activities around socially relevant content on television, online and in community settings. These activities are designed to trigger action, from dialogue and feedback to educational opportunities and community participation.

**The WORLD Channel** delivers the best of public television's nonfiction, news and documentary programing to US audiences through local public television stations and streaming online at [worldchannel.org](http://worldchannel.org). WORLD reached 35 million unique viewers 18+ last year (55% adults 18-49) and over-indexes in key diversity demographics.\* Online, the WORLD Channel expands on broadcast topics and fuels dialogue across social media, providing opportunities for broad and diverse audience interaction. (*Source: Nielsen Local Buyer Reach Scorecard 01/13-12/13*)

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