



**Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro  
continues with PERFECT STRANGERS by Jan Krawitz**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015, on WORLD Channel at 8 p.m.**

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“...a film that reflects on how people connect in the most extraordinary ways, in extraordinary situations.” – Nicola Smith, Valley News

March 26, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – Jan Krawitz’s documentary **PERFECT STRANGERS** has its national broadcast television premiere on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 8 p.m. on WORLD Channel as part of the third season of the **AMERICA REFRAMED** series. ([Check local listings.](#)) As of April 29<sup>th</sup>, audiences across the nation can enjoy complimentary viewing of the film on <http://worldchannel.org/>.

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What lies beyond the art of giving and receiving? In **PERFECT STRANGERS** we meet Ellie, a kind-hearted masseuse, who decides she wants to share the gift of life with a stranger who has posted online that she needs a kidney. On average, 21 people die each day while waiting for a transplant.

Five hundred miles away, Kathy endures nightly dialysis and loses hope of receiving a transplant until she hears from Ellie. They meet and form a deep and genuine friendship. Over the course of four years, however, both women face unexpected challenges. As their parallel journeys unfold, the film raises questions about what motivates an individual to perform an extreme act of compassion. When we learn that Kathy’s body would reject Ellie’s kidney, we become disheartened along with them. Ellie, firm in her commitment to gift a kidney, explores new and even anonymous options. She is open to all possibilities as long as her kidney does not “go to Dick Cheney,” she says half-jokingly.

“Through Ellie’s story, we reflect on what we would be willing to live without to enhance another person’s quality-of-life,” says Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, American Documentary, Inc., and Co-Executive Producer, America ReFramed.

“WORLD Channel and WGBH are thrilled to collaborate with AmDoc on the third season of **AMERICA REFRAMED** presenting the encores and television premieres of important films such as **PERFECT STRANGERS**. As co-producers, we share a passion for storytellers committed to helping us gain a deeper and more nuanced understanding of America today,” says Chris Hastings, Co- Executive Producer, America ReFramed.



### **Film Credits**

Director/Producer/Editor: Jan Krawitz  
Cinematography: Charlene Music and Mike Seely

### **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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### **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 programming 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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