



**Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro
continues with ENDLESS ABILITIES
by Zachary (Zack) Bastian, Will Humphrey,
Harvey Burrell, and Tripp Clemens**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015, on Public Television's
WORLD Channel at 8 p.m.**

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*"...The film, which took forty-five travel days, 7,000 miles and two years
of production to complete...is designed to inspire and educate..."*
-- Paul E. Kandarian, Rhode Island Monthly

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April 23, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – The documentary ENDLESS ABILITIES will have its national television broadcast premiere on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 8 p.m. on WORLD Channel as part of the third season of the **AMERICA REFRAMED** series. ([Check local listings.](#)) Audiences across the nation can also view the film FREE starting May 27, 2015 on <http://worldchannel.org/>.

In Narragansett, Rhode Island, Zachary was having the time of his life—surfing on the beach, enjoying bonfires with friends until the night he and best friend, Timmy, got into an accident. Zack was rushed off to the hospital. Timmy didn't make it. After being hospitalized for 6 months and overcoming feelings of guilt, Zack realized that he was going to be in a chair for the rest of his life.

Zack doesn't see himself as disabled and says that some of the coolest and most interesting people he knows are in chairs. So in the summer of 2012, Zack, along with his best friends Will, Tripp and Harvey, retrofit a vehicle for a cross-country trip in search of inspiration. Along the way they meet practitioners of the adaptive sports movement, where differently abled persons rock climb, swim competitively, play soccer and more. They also meet pioneers like Kirk Bauer, founder of Disabled Sports USA. He, with a group of war veterans, created the organization in 1967 to encourage persons like themselves to live full, integrated lives.

From rehabilitation patients to Paralympic athletes, ENDLESS ABILITIES captures the spirit of resilient people who defy being defined by their physical disability. Ultimately, Zack and his friends, learn that sports really are a great equalizer, unifying people of all abilities who rise to full potential on the playing field.

"ENDLESS ABILITIES shows us that confidence, comraderie and community can enhance everyone's quality of life," says Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, American Documentary, Inc.



“WORLD Channel and WGBH are thrilled to collaborate with American Documentary on the third season of AMERICA REFRAMED presenting television premieres and encores of important films such as ENDLESS ABILITIES. 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

A film by: Zachary Bastian, Will Humphrey,
Harvey Burrell, and Tripp Clemens
Producers: Will Humphrey and Zachary Bastian
Co-Directors: Tripp Clemens and Harvey Burrell
Director of
Photography: Harvey Burrell
Editor: Tripp Clemens
Executive Producer: Andrea van Beuren

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 has won five 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Awards, three Telly Awards, a Gracie Award 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 L. Vicencio



Host: Natasha Del Toro

Web and Social Media

AMERICA REFRAMED can be accessed online via <http://worldchannel.org/programs/america-reframed/> and, <https://www.facebook.com/WorldChannel> <https://www.facebook.com/AmericaReFramed>

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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. 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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