



**Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro
continues with A SELF-MADE MAN by Lori Petchers**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2015, on Public Television's
WORLD Channel at 8 p.m.**

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“A SELF-MADE MAN is a groundbreaking...documentary that seeks to bring visibility to issues of transgender identity across a spectrum of ages and experiences.”

– James Michael Nichols, The Huffington Post/HuffPost Gay Voices

April 23, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – Lori Petchers’ documentary **A SELF-MADE MAN** will have its national television broadcast premiere on Tuesday, June 23, 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 June 24, 2015 on <http://worldchannel.org/>.

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Gender identity issues often appear in early childhood. Some kids, feel they were born in the wrong body and this belief creates conflict in how they view and define themselves. Once a young person makes up his or her mind to embark on a gender transition, both parents and the teenager face questions and daunting challenges that they would have never imagined. Tony Ferraiolo knows this from experience. As an adult, he successfully transitioned from being female to male.

Now a Certified Life Coach and Transgender Youth Advocate in New Haven, CT, we watch Tony in his role as educator and activist, guiding children as young as 8 and their parents, through the arduous journey. Tony thoughtfully acknowledges the complicated dynamics of transitioning from multiple perspectives, and he creates safe spaces and support groups for teens and their families. Formerly identifying as a lesbian, Tony comes to terms with the complexities of his own life as a female-to-male transgender person. He honors the little girl that he was and tattoos an image of her on his arm. He also muses about love, friendship and self-determination.

“With lots of compassion, laughter and togetherness, **A SELF-MADE MAN** follows Tony as he helps young people and their families’ transition safely,” 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 A SELF-MADE MAN. 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 and Producer: Lori Petchers
Editor: Dina Guttmann
Composer: Bryan Senti

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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