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Betrayed: Surviving An American Concentration Camp

Premieres Nationwide on Public Television for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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Jerome, Idaho (April 30, 2022) – Friends of Minidoka and North Shore Productions are excited to announce the nationwide premiere and airing of *Betrayed: Surviving an American Concentration Camp* on public television for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month starting May 1, 2022.

“Friends of Minidoka is extremely pleased that we, along with our partner North Shore Productions, can raise to the forefront of national consciousness the story of the unjust incarceration of Japanese Americans at Minidoka during WWII,” stated Robyn Achilles, Executive Director of Friends of Minidoka. “The legacy of incarceration lives on in survivors and descendants of incarcerated, and *Betrayed* uncovers the pain and intergenerational trauma people suffered, and how our community moved from being victims to becoming vocal activists for racial justice in our country.”

Betrayed: Surviving an American Concentration Camp tells the story of a group of American citizens and their mass incarceration by the U.S. government purely on the basis of race. In the compelling voices of survivors, the film explores the unconstitutional suspension of the civil rights of these Japanese Americans during WWII and the long-lasting impact of incarceration on their community. The film looks at the rise of Japanese American activism in defense of the rights of others, and the relevance of this story today, both in the targeting of groups based on their religion or ethnicity and the actions of the U.S. government at our southern border.

“I was driven to make this film after completing a shorter film about the Minidoka concentration camp for Minidoka National Historic Site,” explained filmmaker Rory Banyard. “Through my conversations with survivors, I began to understand the depths of the racism and unequal justice that Japanese Americans faced in 1942. I was also appalled to learn how much the community suffered after the war. *Betrayed* covers a historical event, but it is very much a film for our time.”

Directed by Rory Banyard and narrated by Tamlyn Tomita, the film is airing on public television stations beginning May 2022 ([see the full list here](#)). *Betrayed* will also be available to stream for free on the PBS video app starting Monday, May 2.

Betrayed is accompanied by companion [Educational Films & Lesson Plans](#) for middle and high school students focusing on four themes: *Power of Words*, *Power of the Press*, *Patriotism and Protest*, and *Standing Up for Others*. They are freely available at betrayedfilm.com.

This is a production of North Shore Productions, Inc., in association with Friends of Minidoka, and is distributed by American Public Television.

[See the trailer for *Betrayed* here.](#)

Additional Resources:

[Website for Betrayed Film](#)

[Press Kit for Betrayed from North Shore Productions](#)

[Website for Northshore Productions](#)

Survivor and Descendant Profiles/Quotes - See Online Press Kit

[Website for Friends of Minidoka](#)