



BIDDER 70

A film by Beth Gage and George Gage

Public Television Broadcast on WORLD Channel's award-winning series AMERICA REFRAMED

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 8 p.m.

Nobel prize-winning scientist Terry Root, author and conservationist Terry Tempest Williams and actor/filmmaker Robert Redford are featured in the documentary.

"The Bottom Line: This thoughtful doc vividly illustrates the personal consequences of daring to take on the government." -- Frank Scheck, *The Hollywood Reporter*

June 30, 2018 – (New York, NY) – In 2008, University of Utah economics student **Tim DeChristopher** committed an act of peaceful civil disobedience in the name of climate justice which would redefine patriotism in our time.

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BIDDER 70 will make its U.S. broadcast on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 8 p.m. on WORLD Channel ([check local listings](#)) as part of the new season of **AMERICA REFRAMED**, public media's award-winning documentary series. Streaming will begin on August 29, 2018 on worldchannel.org and all station-branded PBS platforms including PBS.org, and on PBS apps for iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Chromecast.

BIDDER 70 traces Tim DeChristopher's growth from concerned citizen and student of economics to climate justice activist and leader. Fueled by a desire to safeguard Utah's national parks, Tim registers as bidder #70 in a controversial oil and gas lease auction in order to resist the sale of thousands of acres of pristine land. He outbid industry giants on land parcels adjacent to national treasures like Canyonlands National Park, winning 22,000 acres of land worth \$1.7 million before the auction was halted. Tim's act of peaceful civil disobedience led to a legal battle. After two years and nine postponements, his trial began on February 28, 2011. In the case of the U.S.A. vs. Tim DeChristopher, he faces penalties of up to 10 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines.



“Climate change is upon us and there is nothing more important to work for than a livable future,” explains co-director, Beth Gage. “Tim’s commitment to future generations, his evolution as a leader and his willingness to courageously accept the consequences of his action make his a story we hope will inspire and motivate a new generation of activists,” adds co-director, George Gage.

While fighting the lawsuit, Tim co-founds “Peaceful Uprising” a grass-roots group dedicated to defending a livable future through non-violent action and redefines patriotism for a new generation. **BIDDER 70** invites viewers to reflect on the potential of individual citizens’ roles in enacting change and to think deeply about the intersectionality of civil rights, land preservation and climate justice.

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Film Credits

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About AMERICA REFRAMED

AMERICA REFRAMED is a co-production of American Documentary, Inc. and the WORLD Channel.

AMERICA REFRAMED curates a diverse selection of films highlighting innovative and artistic approaches to storytelling from emerging and veteran filmmakers alike. Viewers will be immersed in personal stories from the streets of towns big and small to the exurbs and country roads that span the spectrum of American life. The documentaries invite audiences to reflect on topics as varied as culture, health care, politics, gun violence, religion and more.

An award-winning documentary series, AMERICA REFRAMED is the recipient of a Peabody and Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for broadcast journalism. The series has earned several Christopher, GRACIE, Telly and Cine Golden Eagle Awards, as well as nominations for an EMMY, Independent Documentary Association, and Imagen Award.



AMERICA REFRAMED Series Credits

Executive Producers: Justine Nagan, Chris White, Chris Hastings
Series Producer: Carmen L. Vicencio

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AMERICA REFRAMED Co-Producers

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The WORLD Channel delivers the best of public television's nonfiction, news and documentary programming. The channel features original content from the heart of America's multicultural neighborhoods, creating award-winning series and specials, and offering a national platform to diverse filmmakers and communities through local public television stations and streaming online at worldchannel.org. WORLD Channel currently reaches markets representing 63% of U.S. TV households and millions more online, bringing powerful documentaries into people's lives and exploring the personal stories behind the headlines. WORLD has won numerous national honors including a Peabody and an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award, Tellys, a Media for a Just Society Award, two Lesbian & Gay Journalist Awards, a Gracie, an Asian American Journalists Award and many others. WORLD Channel also won the Radio Television Digital News Association's 2017 Kaleidoscope Award for its critically-acclaimed series, AMERICA REFRAMED and has received four National News & Documentary Emmy Nominations.

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