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WORLD TRAVEL ADVENTURES

## “Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories” Press Release

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(Portland, OR ) – Take a visual behind-the-scenes journey to Iraq when “*Inside Iraq: The Untold Stories*” with filmmaker Mike Shiley. The freelance journalist recently spent two months chronicling the lives of the Iraqi people and US soldiers at the height of the conflict while on assignment for ABC News.

Mike literally risked his life making this 80-minute documentary. He uncovered the shocking video of a real fire fight with Iraqi insurgents, flew over the country in a Blackhawk helicopter, witnessed landmine areas being cleared, rode along on night patrols in search of terrorists, dropped in on illegal gun market transactions and walked the streets of Baghdad interviewing the locals. His search for unique stories and scenes took him to the Kurdish-controlled region in the North, through the infamous Sunni Triangle in Central Iraq and to the sacred Shiite-controlled cities in the South. While there, Mike developed exclusive stories for ABC World News Tonight, Nightline and Good Morning America; as well as a variety of online news services and ABC-TV affiliates in Denver; Tampa/St. Petersburg; and Portland, Oregon.

“Americans deserve to see more of Iraq than car bombings and press conferences,” Mike says, adding that the film is nonpolitical and unbiased. Viewers will take a tour of a children’s landmine hospital, visit remote villages with medical aid workers, tour an Abrams tank and hear from American soldiers how they feel about their roles in the conflict and about the Iraqi people.

An accomplished producer/director, journalist and filmmaker, Mike has also worked as a freelance photographer for CNN covering the war in Sarajevo. He has trekked to Everest Base Camp in Nepal, completed a 3,000-mile solo bicycle trip from British Columbia, Canada to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and as a certified Divemaster has guided more than 250 dives in Egypt’s Red Sea.

Mike has produced travel films on Nepal and Cambodia, and recently toured the United States showing his film “Amazing Thailand” in more than 85 venues. He has visited 36 countries and loves meeting people, especially children, from around the world. Mike, 37, is single and lives in Portland, Oregon with his dog, Bear.

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