

**Minds Eye Entertainment & BARNA-ALPER PRODUCTIONS
ANNOUNCE BROADCAST PREMIERE OF BETRAYED,
A DRAMATIC TELEVISION MOVIE SLATED TO BROADCAST ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 16 AT 8 PM ON CBC TELEVISION**

- *Two-hour movie chronicles a small Prairie town coping with an outbreak of severe water contamination*
- *Directed and co-written by Gemini Award winning director Anne Wheeler (Better Than Chocolate, The Investigation)*
- *Stars Kari Matchett (Nero Wolfe), Michael Hogan (Cold Squad), Janet Wright (The Perfect Storm) & Raoul Trujillo (The Blue Butterfly)*

February 3, 2003 – (Regina, SK) *Imagine when the water you drink can threaten your life.* Producers **Minds Eye Entertainment** (formerly Minds Eye Pictures) and Barna-Alper Productions announce the broadcast premiere of **Betrayed**, a dramatic television movie chronicling a fictional small town suffering from an outbreak of severe water contamination. Directed and co-written by Gemini Award winning director Anne Wheeler (Better Than Chocolate, The Investigation), **Betrayed** will premiere on **Sunday, March 16 at 8 pm** on **CBC Television**.

Inspired by recent events in Canada and abroad, **Betrayed** stars **Kari Matchett** (*Nero Wolfe, Men With Brooms*) as Judy Bryce, a recently divorced young mother who returns to her hometown and her father (**Michael Hogan** – *Monk, Cold Squad*), the town water manager. However, Judy's new job as a nurse's aid soon plunges her into the horror of a deadly public health epidemic when it is revealed that E.coli has contaminated the town's water supply. When the small community can no longer cope with the strain of the epidemic, it's a race against the clock to determine the true source of the contamination.

Set in the Prairies, the fictional town under attack stands in for communities next door and around the world. **Betrayed** examines an issue that is becoming increasingly important to the health and public safety of people everywhere: the regulation of food sources and drinking water.

Filmed in Regina and southern Saskatchewan in July 2002, **Betrayed** is written by Jeremy Hole and Anne Wheeler. The movie is executive produced by Kevin DeWalt of Minds Eye Pictures and Laszlo Barna of Barna-Alper Productions, and is produced by Phyllis Platt.

"**Betrayed** is ultimately a dramatic realization of a public health crisis that has affected millions of people around the world," says Minds Eye Pictures' executive producer Kevin DeWalt.

"Through the expert eye of Anne Wheeler and our talented cast, we are able to bring the story to life through compelling characters and a sensitive, but fact-based storyline," says Barna-Alper Productions' executive producer Laszlo Barna.

Established in 1986, **Minds Eye Entertainment** (formerly Minds Eye Pictures) is a fully integrated production, post-production and distribution entity with offices across Canada. As Western Canada's largest independent film and television production company, **Minds Eye Entertainment** is currently in production with the feature film *Falling Angels* with Miranda Richardson and season one of legal drama *Just Cause* (W Network, PAX TV) and recently completed the television movie **Betrayed** (CBC), season two of *2030CE* (YTV), season four of *Mentors* (Family Channel), and season two of *Prairie Berry Pie* (APTN). The Company website is www.mindseyepictures.com.

Barna-Alper Productions is one of Canada's most prolific production companies. The Company is currently in production with season five of the award winning drama series *Da Vinci's Inquest* (CBC) and

season three of Blue Murder (Global). Barna-Alper has also received critical acclaim for their movies of the week, most notably for The Sue Rodriguez Story (CBC), Milgaard (CTV) and Scorn (CBC) - Gemini winner for Best TV Movie in 2001. The Company website is www.bap.ca.

Betrayed is produced in association with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, with the participation of The Canadian Television Fund created by the Government of Canada and the Canadian cable industry, Telefilm Canada: Equity Investment Program, CTF: Licence Fee Program, SaskFilm, CanWest Western Independent Producers Fund, the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit Program, Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit, and the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit Program.

Betrayed is distributed internationally by CBC International Sales.

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