

**KARI MATCHETT (Men With Brooms, Power Play), MICHAEL HOGAN (Scorn, Marine Life), RAOUL TRUJILLO (The Blue Butterfly, Black Robe) SET TO STAR IN BETRAYED, A TELEVISION MOVIE FOR CBC TV**

**July 22, 2002 – (Regina, SK)** Producers **Minds Eye Entertainment** and **Barna-Alper Productions** have announced casting on **Betrayed**, a television movie chronicling a fictional small town suffering from an outbreak of severe water contamination.

Directed by Gemini Award winning director Anne Wheeler (*The Investigation, Better Than Chocolate*), **Betrayed** stars Kari Matchett (*Men With Brooms, Power Play*) as Judy, a recently divorced young mother who returns to her hometown and her father (Michael Hogan – *Scorn, Marine Life*), the town's water manager. However, Judy's new job as a nurse's aid soon plunges her into the horror of a deadly epidemic and she must struggle to uncover its true source – at any cost.

Set in the Canadian prairie, **Betrayed** portrays a fictional town under attack and stands in for communities next door and around the world. Inspired by events in communities in Canada and abroad, **Betrayed** focuses on an issue that is becoming increasingly important to people everywhere: the safety of food sources and drinking water.

**Betrayed** is executive produced by Kevin DeWalt of **Minds Eye Entertainment** and Laszlo Barna of Barna-Alper Productions and is produced by Phyllis Platt. The television movie will be filmed from July 22 to August 18 in southern Saskatchewan and in the new Canada-Saskatchewan soundstage in Regina. **Betrayed** will be broadcast on CBC Television in 2003.

Established in 1986, **Minds Eye Entertainment** is a fully integrated production, post-production and distribution entity with offices across Canada. As Western Canada's largest privately held film and television production company, **Minds Eye Entertainment** is currently in production with season two of *2030CE* (YTV), season four of *Mentors* (Family Channel), season one of *Just Cause* (W network) and season two of *Prairie Berry Pie* (APTN). The Company website is [www.mindseyepictures.com](http://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.

**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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