

The Welcome offers a fiercely intimate view of life after war: the fear, anger and isolation of post-traumatic stress that affects vets and family members alike. As we join these vets in a small room for an unusual five day healing retreat, we witness how the ruins of war can be transformed into the beauty of poetry. Here our perceptions are changed, our psyches strained, and our hearts broken. And at the end, when this poetry is shared with a large civilian audience, we begin to understand that all of us are a vital piece of the Welcome as Veterans try to find the way back home. Their examples of unflinching honesty, courage and love lift us up, inspiring all of us once again to feel our common humanity, always the first casualty of war.

Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM At the Universalist Church on 345 Broadway in Rockland.

The film will be introduced by Rob Pfeiffer. Pfeiffer is a Vietnam vet who, with the group Vets Helping Vets, assists in the healing of trauma caused by war and the effort to return to civilian life.

Audience Award, Feature Documentary - Ashland Independent Film Festival, 2011

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