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by film director, David Martinez:

500 Miles to Babylon

Sunday, November 12, 2006

7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

60 Kent Street, St. Paul

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Through impromptu interviews, glimpses of daily life, still photographs, and footage of car-bombs, demonstrations, night-time graffiti artists, Sufi rituals, and the celebrations following Saddam's capture, *500 Miles To Babylon* reveals the complex situation in contemporary Iraq through a personal lens. Far from being a simple anti-war movie, *500 Miles* attempts to illustrate the terrible complexity of a people brutalized by a dictatorship, and the catastrophic results when that system is changed overnight by shortsighted military means.

Cost:

A minimum donation of \$5 per person is requested, but not required.

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