



**America ReFramed  
announces the U.S. broadcast premiere of  
WINTER AT WESTBETH  
on WORLD Channel  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 8 p.m.**

“...A moving, life-affirming visit with the elderly residents of an artists’  
community in New York’s West Village.”  
– American Society of Cinematographers, Screen International

November 13, 2018 – (New York, NY) – The elderly residents of Westbeth  
Artists Housing in New York City are immersed in their art practices as  
though there is no tomorrow.

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*Winter at Westbeth*, a film by Rohan Spong, puts the spotlight on three longtime residents as they continue to engage with their craft. While most dancers retire by their late 30s, 75-year old contemporary dancer Dudley Williams, a former company member of both Martha Graham and Alvin Ailey ensembles, prepares for an electrifying return to the stage. 82-year old poet and breast cancer survivor, Ilsa Gilbert, who has written over 350 poems, weaves her experience about confronting mortality into her work. And, 95-year old experimental filmmaker and video artist, Edith Stephen hopes to complete an experimental film for her birthday.

*Winter at Westbeth* will make its U.S. television premiere and streaming debut on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 8 p.m. (7pm CT / 9pm PST, over a multicast seven-day window) on WORLD Channel ([check local listings](#)) and [worldchannel.org](http://worldchannel.org) as part of the current season of America ReFramed, public media’s award-winning documentary series. It will also be available to stream for free on all station-branded PBS platforms including [PBS.org](http://PBS.org), and on PBS apps for iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Chromecast.



The film takes place at Westbeth Artists Housing, a vast rent controlled apartment community in New York City, inhabited since 1970. Previously the home of Bell Laboratories, Westbeth is an example of thoughtful public housing, where abandoned industrial buildings are repurposed to create a vibrant artistic community.

Shot over four seasons in New York City by Australian director Rohan Spong, *Winter at Westbeth* captures inspirational stories about aging and the need to keep creating.

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#### **Film Credits**

Writer/Director/Cinematographer: Rohan Spong

#### **About America ReFramed**

America ReFramed is a co-production of the WORLD Channel and American Documentary, Inc.

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#### **America ReFramed Series Credits**

Executive Producers: Justine Nagan, Chris Hastings, Chris White



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