



IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR



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IRAQ WAR VETERANS RELEASE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF MIDEAST OCCUPATIONS WINTER SOLDIER BENEFIT CONCERT AND BOOK DEBUT, OCT. 30, 2008

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) has teamed up with the NYC management company The Wink Winks to craft an evening of rock and reflection to celebrate the release of *Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan: Eyewitness Accounts of the Occupations* from Haymarket Books. On Thursday, October 30, 2008, veterans, musicians, and the general public will converge at Sullivan Hall to raise awareness with readings from the book by Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans, and to raise money for continued advocacy with performances by great bands from NYC and around the country.

In the spring of 2008, inspired by the Vietnam-era Winter Soldier Investigation, IVAW gathered outside Washington, D.C., and testified to atrocities they personally witnessed or participated in while deployed in the occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq. The book presents their powerful words, photographs, and documents from this historic event, with a Foreword from Anthony Swofford, author of *Jarhead*.

Along with readings from *Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan*, there will be performances by musicians from around the country who support the continued work of IVAW, including the Brooklyn based bands System Noise, The Volunteers, Wounded Buffalo Theory, Lachi, Trevor Earth, the Connecticut band doublethink, and a special solo performance by Milwaukee's Otto Ohlsson from Into Arcadia. Special guests and additional artists TBA.

Sullivan Hall is located at 214 Sullivan St. in New York's Greenwich Village. Tickets are available for presale through TicketWeb (www.sullivanhalltix.com) for a discounted \$15, or \$20 at the door. Proceeds will go to the New York City Chapter and the Winter Soldier Committee of Iraq Veterans Against the War. Doors will open at 7:30PM with readings and performances to begin shortly thereafter. Come add your voices to ours to show that together we can change the path of this country and end this war and occupation.

ABOUT IVAW: IVAW was founded by Iraq war veterans in July 2004 at the annual convention of Veterans for Peace in Boston, to give a voice to active duty service people and veterans who are against the war. Today, IVAW has over 1,200 members in 48 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada, and on military bases overseas.

ABOUT THE WINK WINKS: The Wink Winks was founded in 2004 at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio by Richard Zack and Dave Smith, to produce, manage, and promote talented artists with a focus of making a positive impact on society. Today, The Wink Winks is based in Queens, NY and manages several Rock artists and producers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Iraq Veterans Against the War:

<http://www.ivaw.org>

The Wink Winks:

<http://www.thewinkwinks.com>

System Noise:

<http://myspace.com/systemnoise>

The Volunteers:

<http://myspace.com/thevolunteers>

doublethink:

<http://myspace.com/doublethinkrocks>

Into Arcadia:

<http://myspace.com/intoarcadia>

Wounded Buffalo Theory:

<http://myspace.com/wbt>

Lachi:

<http://myspace.com/lachimusic>

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<http://myspace.com/trevorearth>

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