JulieHera DeStefano  
Producer/Director, *Journey to Normal: Women of War Come Home*

A native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (BFA), DeStefano is an independent Producer and Filmmaker. DeStefano conceived the idea for *Journey to Normal* in the spring of 2009, and has developed it into a feature-length documentary and online narrative film archive. Slated for theatrical release in spring 2013, *Journey to Normal* recognizes the strength and resiliency of our women in uniform and explores the unique challenges they face rejoining their families and communities after a deployment to the combat zone. At the invitation of Task Force Medical-East, DeStefano spent just over 3 ½ months as a solo embed with the US Military in Afghanistan, filming and interviewing over 100 women about their experiences in the military, their lives back home, and what they envisioned for their reintegration. DeStefano is currently filming stateside with a number of these women and their families to document what their journey home has entailed and what they would most like the American public to understand.

DeStefano served as the Business Manager of a New York-based film and photography studio whose clients included various celebrities and media organizations, and as the Managing Director and Producer of an award-winning off-Broadway theater company. She has also performed in New York off-Broadway, regionally with the Theater Of The Stars, Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera and Pittsburgh Playhouse, and was seen in the movies *The First Wives Club* and *The Preacher's Wife*.

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