

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

3/4/08

(Standup Week 147)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

## *Why are we in Iraq?*

**Not** because of weapons of mass destruction.

**Not** because Iraq was involved in 9/11.

**Not** because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

## *What have we gotten?*

**US military dead: 3,973 US military wounded: 29,203**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 89,077\* Money spent on war: \$510 billion**

## Who are we?

**Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

**Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

**Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

\*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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## See and Listen to “Body of War”

By Bob Martin

You can never overstate the value of art, music and film in the cause of justice. Many actors and musicians have lent their names against the war in Iraq (as they have in other wars). The upcoming release of “Body of War” is the latest example.

Tomas Young is a 26-year-old U.S. soldier who was shot and paralyzed from the waist down after serving in Iraq for less than a week. He had enlisted after 9/11 to fight those responsible for the attack.

The film “Body of War” conveys his journey of questioning the war and surviving his injury and adapting to a new life as a paraplegic. Produced by Phil Donahue and Ellen Spiro, it won awards at the Toronto Film Festival and was named “Best Documentary of 2007” by the National Board of Review.

Young’s efforts also led to a CD, “Songs That Inspired an Iraq War Veteran.” He says the compilation “was an idea that grew out of my love of music and my reliance on it before, during and after the war. The songs I selected were tracks that inspired, motivated, and literally saved me over the past few years.”

The CD features such artists as Eddie Vedder and Pearl Jam, Neil Young, Tom Morello, Bright Eyes, Tom Waits, Bad Religion, Laura Cantrell, and Bruce Springsteen. Proceeds will benefit Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW).

The CD will be released by Sire Records on March 18. The film runs in New York City starting April 9. For a moving experience in the mean time, listen to the song “No More” and watch Tomas Young in a trailer at [www.bodyofwar.com](http://www.bodyofwar.com).



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