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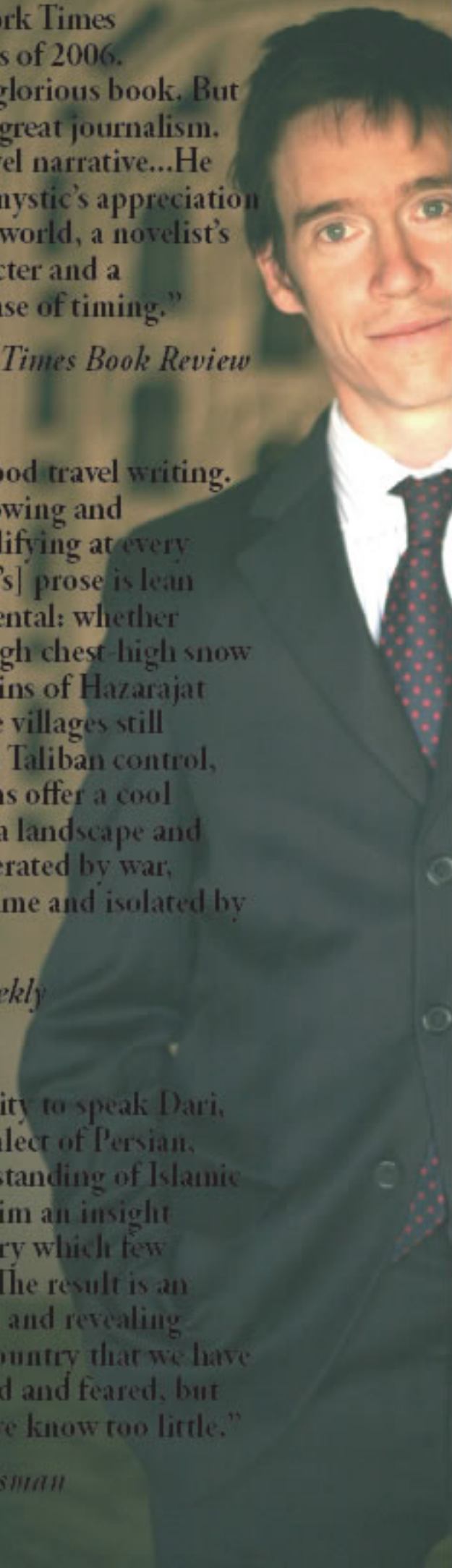
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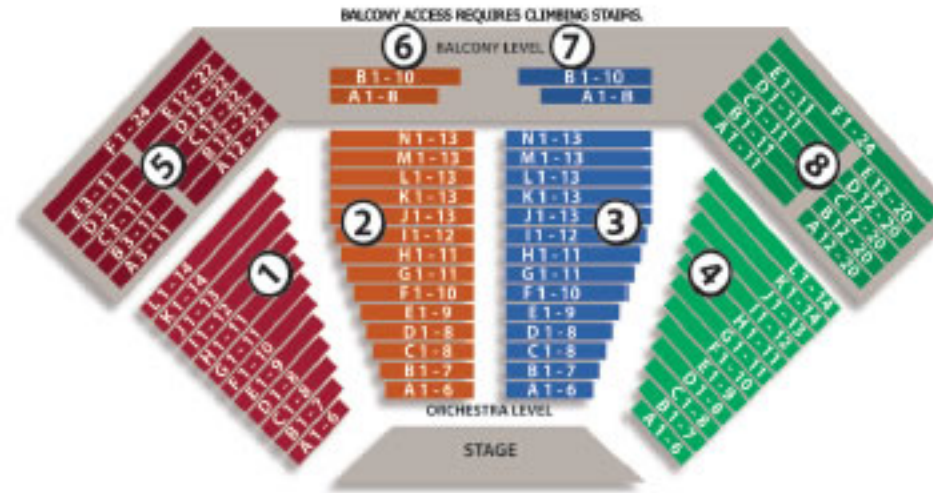
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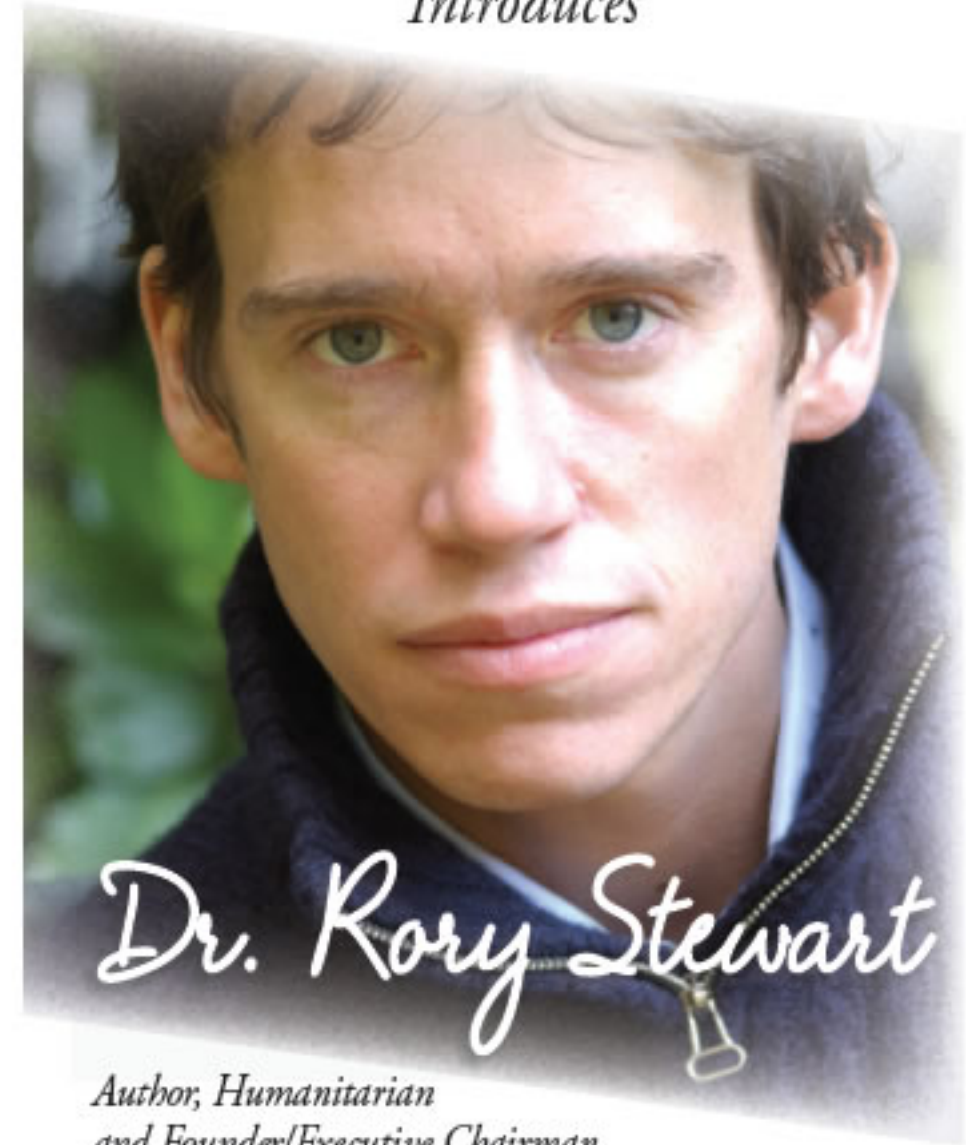


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# IT'S HAPPENING AT THE Emerson Center 2010 Special Engagement

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*Dr. Rory Stewart*

*Author, Humanitarian  
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Laura (Riding) Jackson



TURQUOISE MOUNTAIN



Some people talk the talk, others walk the talk. When it comes to human rights, Dr. Rory Stewart is known for doing both...especially the "walk" part. Dr. Stewart's legendary six-thousand mile trek took him across Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, India and Nepal, from 2000 to 2002. After that, he was appointed Coalition Deputy Governor of Maysan and Senior Advisor in Dhi Qar, two provinces in southern Iraq, and has since dedicated himself to improving the lot of the peoples of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Born in Hong Kong, Dr. Stewart grew up in Malaysia and Scotland, and was educated at both Eton and Oxford. Early service in the British Army was followed by a stint in the Foreign Office. Dr. Stewart founded the British charity, the Turquoise Mountain Foundation, of which he is the Executive Chairman. The Turquoise Mountain Foundation invests in the regeneration of the historic commercial centre of Kabul, providing basic services, saving historic buildings

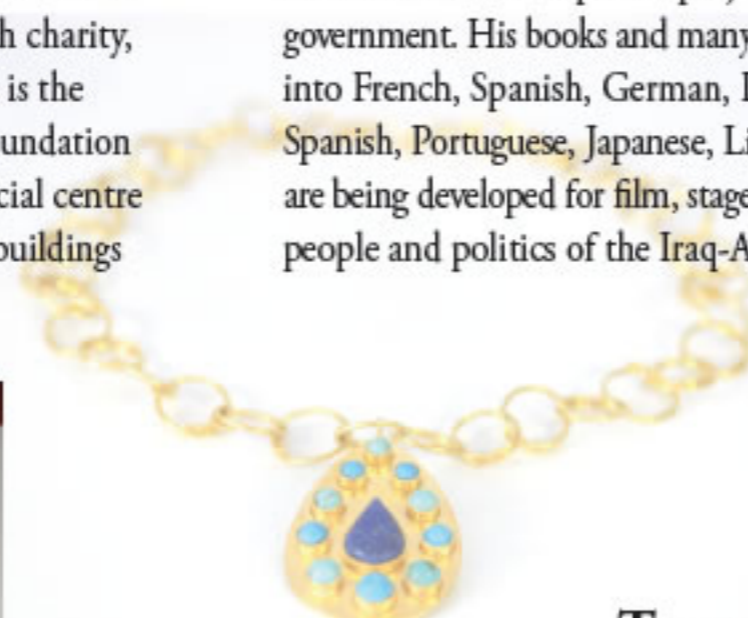
and constructing a new bazaar and galleries for traditional craft businesses. He also serves as the Ryan Family Professor of the Practice of Human Rights, and the Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Dr. Stewart's books have been critically acclaimed New York Times bestsellers: *The Places in Between*, describes his solo walk across Afghanistan shortly after the US invasion; *The Prince of the Marshes: And Other Occupational Hazards of a Year in Iraq* chronicles his experiences as deputy governor shortly after coalition forces entered Iraq, and describes his efforts to lead development projects and establish a functional government. His books and many articles have been translated into French, Spanish, German, Danish, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Lithuanian and Bosnian – and are being developed for film, stage and TV. His advice on the people and politics of the Iraq-Afghanistan area is sought by

more than one government.

Dr. Stewart has received a great many honors, including the Order of the British Empire (OBE), the Ondaatje Prize, the Spirit of Scotland Award and the Premio de Literatura de Viaje Caminos del Cid. Most recently, he has been chosen the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the Conservative Party for the 2010 election in the Penrith and the Border constituency.

*The New York Times* sums it up by saying: "Stewart seems to be living one of the most remarkable lives on record."



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