

## PRE-RELEASE TESTIMONIES

**LET THE RIVER RUN** is a window into the lives of three young vocalists who remind us of our innate love of musical expression, and the power of the beginner's mind. Mary Jane Doherty has created a sonic tapestry that is both tender and compelling.

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**LET THE RIVER RUN** explores the magic of music through the unfiltered and heartfelt eyes of three young choir students. The film looks at them with the same precision and sharpness as the kids' inspiring comments. Watching LTRR makes you realize why music can't be explained, and most importantly, why that's exactly what makes music great.

**Álvaro Congosto, Filmmaker and Boston University Adjunct  
Professor**

I found **LET THE RIVER RUN** profoundly thought provoking. The subject of music, in its state of chronic negligence and our parrot-like statements of that neglect, comes to a fresh and focused realization. Elegantly nuanced, **LET THE RIVER RUN** presents the crucial connections of music to human life and essence. It is powerful with its intimacy, yet subtly jolting with its unique angle. AH ! Music does that!

**Safoura Rafeizadeh, Chapar Graphic Design Studio Founder, Former  
Art Director: Porras and Lawler, JWG Associates**

**LET THE RIVER RUN** is moving, funny, inspiring and lyrical. Don't miss it! - **Julie Burros, Chief of Arts and Culture, City of Boston**

**LET THE RIVER RUN** is a delightful tribute to the power of music, especially singing. The movie lets us in on the unvarnished and often endearing thoughts of very young beginners in the Boston Children's Choir as they discover their voices and the uses of intervals, tonality, rhythm and the other mechanics of singing. The movie intersperses these insights with some rousing performances from the senior singers who show what beauty, pride, and teamwork emerge from their growing musicianship. Singers of any age would enjoy seeing themselves in this emerging love of singing."

**Michael Behnke, Board of Directors, Chicago Children's Chorus and  
VP Emeritus University of Chicago**