



# BEETHOVEN'S NINE – ODE TO HUMANITY

by Larry Weinstein



## SYNOPSIS

In early 2023, filmmaker Larry Weinstein set out to make a documentary about Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. It was supposed to be about how far we have come in the two hundred years since it was written. But when world events pull Larry into his own film, the question becomes a deeply personal one. BEETHOVEN'S NINE is a documentary about music, but also about war and hope. It follows nine unique individuals, including Ukrainian musicians, a deaf composer, a Polish rock star, a best-selling author, a legendary cartoonist and Weinstein himself, as they try to better understand the legacy of Beethoven's Ninth, the composer's own struggles, the inspiration music can provide and how humanity continues to look for hope even in the darkest times.

With: Gabriela Lena Frank, Keri-Lynn Wilson & The Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra, Brodka, Charles M. Schulz, Leonard Bernstein, Franz Kranke, Steven Pinker, Rebecca Newberger Goldstein

## FESTIVALS

2024

31 Hot Docs Toronto

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Larry Weinstein

Germany, Canada 2024

90 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, History, War/Peace, Arts/Culture, Music

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, Ukrainian, German

### PREMIERE

Toronto, Canada (2024)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

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