



“ People are looking for a way to connect on a human level that involves kindness and hope. ”

ANNIE PATTERSON

# WE BEGAN TO SING

A DOCUMENTARY FILM

Singing is a powerful tool for human connection and social change.

**THE FILM** WE BEGAN TO SING is a 24-minute documentary at the intersection of singing and social change. It follows Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, musician-activists who believe in communal singing as a form of social capital, a way to generate connection, cooperation and community. As they learned from their longtime friend Pete Seeger, singing together offers a potent antidote to polarization and isolation.

**WHY THIS FILM** Lived experiences from the Civil Rights era to the present reveal how singing together animates movements for social justice and change. The film offers an ethos of constructive activism, acknowledging that while the struggle for change is ongoing, we only succeed by working together.



Pete Seeger



“ Families can sing together and strangers can sing together. People who think they hate each other can sing together. ”

PETE SEEGER

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“ We we can’t mess this up. The future of our world is too important. ”

PETER BLOOD

## OUR MISSION

To expand the impact of **WE BEGAN TO SING** through screenings and conversations that inspire transformational change

## JOIN US

The filmmakers are seeking partners and sponsors interested in community building, social activism, and citizen organizing

## HELP US

- Use the film as a springboard for conversations about racism, social justice, immigration and other critical issues
- Make the film widely available to activist communities, social change organizations, and advocacy groups

Singing together can propel our way forward.

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