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An Original
**BOOKSHORTS LITERACY
PROGRAM** Production

FEATURING

M.T. Kelly

Niva the Malinois

DIRECTOR

Judith Keenan

With M.T. Kelly

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Candlelight baroque

By freddiehangoler

Concerto Grosso Op. 6

No 11 in A Major

By Handel Premiere Classics,

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A POETIC SHORT FILM

About the Film

Downriver is a poetic hymn to the end of an important part of a life. It is also about the beginning of a new one. This sense of new possibilities, inspired by another living being, allows audience and artist to venture out, again, upon the unplumbed salt estranging sea of imagination.

Artists Statement by M.T. Kelly

Downriver is about one man's inexhaustible responsiveness to nature. The film also reflects, through poetry, images and music, how the awe created by the green world, the feeling that "this music is not about you" can offer hope and healing. *Downriver* is not an elegy, though it refers to people and places that are gone forever; it is about a sense of possibilities, a new life.

The vector to this new life is Niva, the Malinois. She was named after the Celtic Goddess Nimah, usually pronounced "Neeve" but subject to much variation! The myth associated with this goddess is about the impossibility of resisting change. *Downriver* is about life as it is, about what can be available to us, whether it is called a sense of wonder, the grandeur of God, or the numinous. *Downriver* was conceived as a vision, incorporates a muse, and invites the audience to

"Guard themselves from those thoughts
That come from the mind alone;
These images sing a lasting song,
That come from the marrow-bone."

About BookShorts Literacy Program

BookShorts Literacy Program focuses on the promotion of Canadian authors and publishers as a means to support literacy in all its forms. In tandem with film & video production company BookShorts Inc., and its website MovingStories.TV, the company creates and distributes film, video, television and digital media specifically adapted from books.

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