



# ***PARTING THE WATERS***

*Breaking Swimming's Color Barrier*

2009    1 x 90/60 min    Color: Widescreen Digital    4:3    English

**A film by Do Tell Productions – Josh Waletzky and Jenny Levison**

**Producer: Jenny Levison  
Co-Producer: Josh Waletzky**

**Director: Josh Waletzky  
Co-Director: Jenny Levison**

**Consulting Cinematographer:  
Henryk Tzvi Cymerman**

**Editor: Josh Waletzky**

**Writer: Jenny Levison**

**Supported by the LEF Foundation  
and USA Swimming**

[www.dotellproductions.com](http://www.dotellproductions.com)

Despite more than 50 years since landmark civil rights decisions opened schools and voting booths, fewer than 1% of competitive swimmers in the U.S. are black and Latino. **Parting the Waters** is the story of African-American championship swimmers Maritza Correia and Cullen Jones, and the young black and Latino swimmers coming up behind them as they challenge old myths, fears, and stereotypes to break down the last vestiges of segregation. In 2004 Maritza became the first black female swimmer on the U.S. Olympic team, winning Silver. In 2006 Cullen set a world record in the 50-meter freestyle. Oscar nominee Josh Waletzky has been filming for 2 years, as they became inseparable sweethearts, signed endorsement deals with Nike, and travel widely to promote aquatic diversity. As Cullen trains for the 2008 Olympics, Maritza is forced to retire from swimming, and the young swimmers they mentor face enormous social and economic challenges. The world of swimming becomes a window on a new era of race relations in America.



Tel: 207 725 8215

16 High Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Fax: 207 725 8057

E-mail: [LRosenLtd@aol.com](mailto:LRosenLtd@aol.com)

[www.louiserosenltd.com](http://www.louiserosenltd.com)