



**Critical Acclaim For
'BROOKLYN CASTLE'**

By Katie Dellamaggiore

"Irresistible."

—**Manohla Dargis, *The New York Times***

"Funny and moving and full of vivid characters. . . . reminds us that the variety of life is infinite."

—**Robert Lloyd, *Los Angeles Times***

"I love this film."

—**Roger Ebert, *Chicago Sun-Times***

"Enlightening, inspiring and expertly crafted."

—**Stephanie Merry, *Washington Post***

"*Brooklyn Castle* does a superb job of celebrating the triumph while reinforcing the relentless vigilance it requires from everyone involved."

—**David Hinckley, *New York Daily News***

"If you want to see what may well be the most optimistic, inspiring and downright thrilling movie released all year—then absolutely do not miss . . . *Brooklyn Castle*."

—**Andrew O'Hehir, *Salon***

"The film is about more than just chess and the chess team. . . . It is about how the team motivates learning at the school even among non-players. Through their dedication to chess, the students of I.S. 318 win a lot more than . . . multi-tiered blocks of marble and plastic with winged angels on top."

—**Mark Walsh, *Education Week***

"I don't know diddly about chess, and I still loved it."

—**Michael Phillips, *Chicago Tribune***

"It's not *To Sir, With Love*: It's fierce ambition, the channeling of emotion, and hours of drilling."

—**David Edelstein, *New York Magazine***

"*Brooklyn Castle* easily checkmates your inner cynic."

—**Walter V. Addiego, *San Francisco Chronicle***

"Katie Dellamaggiore's lively and affecting documentary introduces us to a cast of characters that's very winning (in both senses of the word)."

—**Mark Feeney, *Boston Globe***

"There's a general spirit of triumph and perseverance to *Brooklyn Castle* that's inevitably uplifting."

—**Tom Long, *Detroit News***

“Brooklyn Castle is inspiring stuff that grabs you by the throat and will leave you cheering—quietly of course. No shouting in a chess match.”

—Linda Barnard, *Toronto Star*

“Provides a corrective to the popular image of American schools as obsessed with sports and popularity, and it makes the strongest possible case for funding after-school activities.”

—Sarah Boslaugh, PopMatters.com

“A great story.”

—Mike Hughes, syndicated writer

“It’s really nice to see so many young, positive minds at play in the world, and to cheer on so many smiling children dreaming of enlightened futures.”

—Elias Savada, *Film Threat*