M8740  THE MUSIC WITHIN  (USA, 2006)

Credits:  director, Steven Sawalich; writers, Kelly Kennemer, Bret McKinney, Mark Andrew Olsen.
Cast:  Ron Livingston, Melissa George, Michael Sheen, Rebecca De Mornay.
Summary:  Biographical docudrama set in Vietnam and Oregon. The true story of Richard Pimentel (Livingston) who returns from Vietnam severely hearing-impaired but finds a new purpose in life as a motivational speaker and an advocate for Americans with disabilities.

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