

# PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE

## ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

**LOGLINE** An autistic 12-year-old boy discovers new strength in vulnerability as he fights for the safety of his beloved, endangered bird.

**SOURCE MATERIAL :** Based on the novel *Sparrow Migrations* by executive producer Cari Noga, Narrative short, proof of concept.

### POSTER



### LINKS

[EPK including headshots & BTS](#)

### TECHNICAL SPECS

Runtime: 14:38

Genre: Family drama

Completion: Sept. 2026

Country: United States

Language: English

Aspect ratio: 1:2.39

Format: 4K master

Audio: stereo/5.1 audio

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## SYNOPSIS:

Determined to protect a rare, endangered bird, 12-year old Robby Palmer discovers his own agency and forges new bonds with his parents and a bird biologist when his family travels from Michigan to California to see the bird in its vulnerable nesting season.

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT: NATALIE LOMSKE

The film accentuates the comforting warmth of the California sun and the calming magic of the natural world. It's dreamy yet real, where nature glows with quiet beauty, allowing the audience to experience the comfort, connection and wonder Robby feels outdoors.

## EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/AUTHOR STATEMENT: CARI NOGA

One in 31 American families, including mine, has a child with autism. An autistic family member affects the entire family every single day. In the relatable setting of a family trip, Robby becomes a hero audiences can root for as he and his parents find strength in vulnerability. The outcome of their pilgrimage offers audiences hope they can take home and invest in their own families' future.

## CAST

**Owen Himfar (*Robby Palmer*):** Neurodivergent actor who debuted in *The Short Game*. Known for a natural, honest presence on screen.

**Katie Leclerc (*Linda Palmer, Robby's mom*):** Starred for six years in the Peabody Award-winning series *Switched at Birth*, *The Big Bang Theory*, and Netflix's *Pulse*.

**Max Adler (*Sam Palmer, Robby's dad*):** Recognized for his breakout role on *Glee*, *The Flash*, *Switched at Birth*, *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, *Sully* and *The Pitt*.

**Cara Mitsuko (*Ruth Heron, biologist and tour leader*):** SDSU theatre graduate; starred in Luis Valdez's *Valley of the Heart* and TV roles such as Sarah on Amazon's *The Man In The High Castle*

## KEY CREW & FILMMAKERS

**Executive Producer:** [Cari Noga](#) — Author of *Sparrow Migrations* and *The Orphan Daughter*. Former newspaper reporter and mother to son on the autism spectrum who brings authentic research to storytelling

**Director & Producer:** [Natalie Lomske](#) — LA-based director, University of Michigan graduate. Committed to authentic disability representation and visual storytelling.

**Screenwriter & Producer:** [Carly Keyes](#) — Trained in screenwriting at the University of Michigan, Carly is a writer/performer/musician now living in Los Angeles. She's adapted *Sparrow Migrations* into a full-length screenplay now available for option.

**Line Producer: Sarah Whitaker** — After growing up in a military family, Sarah landed in Los Angeles where she founded a live event production company and has gone on to produce multiple award-winning films and series.

**Creative Producer: Lindsey von Thron** — Based in Chicago, Lindsey weaves a passion for storytelling through everything she does, whether working in entertainment, sports, culinary, retail or branding,

**Director of Photography: Alexander Haessner** — International cinematographer (*Miss Lillian*, *Together Alone*) focusing on natural light and immersive visual language.

**Composer: [Jerry Arlen Jones](#)**. Award-winning audio producer and songwriter specializing in cinematic composition, modern music production, and emotionally driven sound design.

## SCRIPT AWARDS

- Semifinalist, [2026 BlueCat Screenplay competition](#)
- [2026 Golden State Film Festival](#)
- Nominee, Best Unproduced Script, 2026 LA Independent Women Film Awards
- Longlisted, [Short Film Fund 2026](#) (Unsolicited Scripts)

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## BACKSTORY:

*Pacific Pilgrimage* brings together three native Michiganders (Noga, Lomske, Keyes) to adapt an excerpt of Noga's novel [Sparrow Migrations](#), whose protagonist was inspired by her autistic son, as a proof of concept. The film's mission is to showcase female creatives originally from the Midwest and authentic disability representation in front of and behind the camera. Following a successful crowdfunding campaign in Jan-Feb. 2026, we partnered with [Indie VISIBLE Entertainment](#) to ensure production accessibility during our June 2026 shoot. Keyes' five-part screenplay adaptation of the entire novel is available for option. Film rights to the novel are also available.