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PRODUCER: DASHA LEVIN

**EDITOR: MATTHEW WISDOM** 

**CINEMATOGRAPHER: MIHIKA DAS** 

**RUNTIME: 09:00** 

A LYRICAL PORTRAIT OF NIKYLE BEGAY

#### LOGLINE

A lyrical portrait of Nikyle Begay, a non-binary shepherd and weaver, as they work to preserve their way of life through the traditional art of weaving.

### SYNOPSIS

For 500 years, the Navajo have raised sheep as a way of life. In the early 1900s, the U.S. Government discovered 8 billion pounds of coal buried on ancestral lands; as a result, thousands of Navajo were killed and their flocks decimated. Nikyle Begay is a non-binary Navajo shepherd and weaver determined to preserve their way of life. Each day, they care for their livestock as they would a family. Through raising their herds - and weaving Navajo wool - Nikyle has gained spiritual and emotional nourishment.



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#### CREW BIOS



## PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR DASHA LEVIN

Dasha Levin is a documentary filmmaker with a passion for sharing the stories of underrepresented communities. He focuses on sharing the stories of social issues and the environment. As a graduate of Dodge College of Film and Media Arts with a Bachelor's Degree in Documentary Filmmaking, Levin has created projects based around social issues, environmentalism, and equality.



## DIRECTOR MASON CAZALET

Mason Cazalet is a Graduate of Film Production at Chapman's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts. He started his career as a VFX artist and editor primarily working in social media content and advertising. Now, he is working on growing his directorial career through creating music videos and commercial spots.



# EDITOR MATTHEW WISDOM

Matthew Wisdom is a 22-year-old filmmaker based in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University and has directed several award-winning shorts.



## CINEMATOGRAPHER MIHIKA DAS

Mihika Das is a cinematographer hailing from Mumbai, India. After a degree in Advertising from Jai Hind College, Mumbai, India; she started her film education at Mindscreen Film Institute in Chennai, India in 2019. Having worked in the Indian cinematography field for two years on web-series and commercials, she furthered her craft with a Masters in Film Production in Cinematography at Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University in 2021. She is a huge lover of period films, live music and all things food. Mihika is currently based in Los Angeles.

