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This Land Carries Us

FILM INFORMATION

2025 · 4:15 min · Documentary Short Film

Tewa and English · English subtitles · United States

16:9 · Color and archival footage

POVI STUDIOS PRESENTS A FILM BY CHARINE PILAR GONZALES STARRING BARBARA GONZALES, ROBERT GONZALES, CAVAN GONZALES, JERAMY GONZALES, JASMIN GONZALES, DELILIA GONZALES, TYLER GONZALES, ANDRETTA GONZALES, ANITA GONZALES, LORENZO GONZALES AND ANACITA GONZALES
PRODUCED BY CHARINE PILAR GONZALES WRITTEN BY TYLER GONZALES MUSIC COMPOSER KINO BENALLY
MADE POSSIBLE BY TEWA NANGEH / TEWA COUNTRY AND GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

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LOGLINE

Guided by her grandmother
reciting her late brother’s words in Tewa,
a filmmaker honors family and
intergenerational memory across
Tewa homelands in northern New Mexico.

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SYNOPSIS

A sensory experimental film
where Tewa language, image, and memory
move together across land and generations,
layering archival footage, portraiture, and
sound into a meditative experience.



This Land Carries Us won Best Documentary Short
at the 2026 deadCenter Film Festival.







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Povi Studios presents a film by
Charine Pilar Gonzales

Featuring
Barbara Gonzales
Robert Gonzales
Cavan Gonzales
Jeramy Gonzales
Jasmin Gonzales
Delilia Gonzales
Tyler Gonzales
Andreita Gonzales
Anita Gonzales
Lorenzo Gonzales
Anacita Gonzales

Produced by
Charine Pilar Gonzales

Written by
Charine Pilar Gonzales
Tyler Gonzales

Music by
Kino Benally

Made possible by
Tewa Nangeh / Tewa Country
&
Georgia O'Keeffe Museum



Filmed in
Pueblo de San Ildefonso
PoWohGeh Owingeh
Where The Water Cuts Through
Tewa Country, Northern New Mexico



TRAILER

DIRECTOR STATEMENT

I'm from San Ildefonso Pueblo (PoWohGeh Owingeh / Where the Water Cuts Through).

The land where I was raised, between San Ildefonso Pueblo and Santa Fe (OgaPogeh Owingeh / White Shell Water Place), carries generations of memory, story, and language. This Land Carries Us is my offering back to our Tewa lands, and more specifically, to our Tewa people who continue to live in relationship with our mother earth.

Though this film is led with a Tewa heart, it is also partially inspired by landscapes painted by Georgia O'Keeffe and the absences within them. In return, this film centers Tewa presence, voice, and memory across Tewa Nangeh.

We cannot speak of Tewa land without also speaking of Tewa people. Before it was called O'Keeffe Country, it was, and will always be, Tewa Country. This film was created as part of the groundbreaking Tewa Nangeh / Tewa Country exhibit at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The story is exceptionally personal, as I've adapted a story written by my late younger brother, Tyler Gonzales, and asked my grandmother, Barbara Gonzales, to translate the story into our Tewa language, and then we recorded her speaking the voice over. In the film, I bring together site-specific footage, family narratives, and the voices of my relatives. The visuals include mixed media such as Hi-8 archival material shot roughly 30 years ago, present-day portraits, stop-motion sequences, astrovideography, polaroids, etc. These portraits of Tewa people in both traditional and modern clothing, standing on our land, are acts of visibility and love.

I come from six generations of Pueblo pottery artists. When my family works with clay, we think good thoughts so that our pottery reflects that same "goodness". I approach filmmaking the same way. I respect the spirit of the story and create with love for my people. This Land Carries Us is a celebration of being Tewa, and a reminder to visitors that we are still here, living and thriving on the lands that have always carried us.

When we speak of a Tewa past and present, we also speak of a Tewa future.



CHARINE PILAR GONZALES

ABOUT CHARINE

Charine Pilar Gonzales is a Tewa filmmaker from San Ildefonso Pueblo and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her latest film, *This Land Carries Us* (2025), won Best Documentary Short at the 2026 deadCenter Film Festival and is featured in the Tewa Nangeh / Tewa Country exhibition at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. She co-produced *Winding Path* (Sundance 2024) and associate-produced *People of the West* (2026). Charine earned her MFACW in Screenwriting at IAlA and has received fellowships from Sundance Institute, Forge Project, imagineNATIVE, and Stowe Story Labs. She lives in Santa Fe with her family and orange tabby, Cheddar.



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