

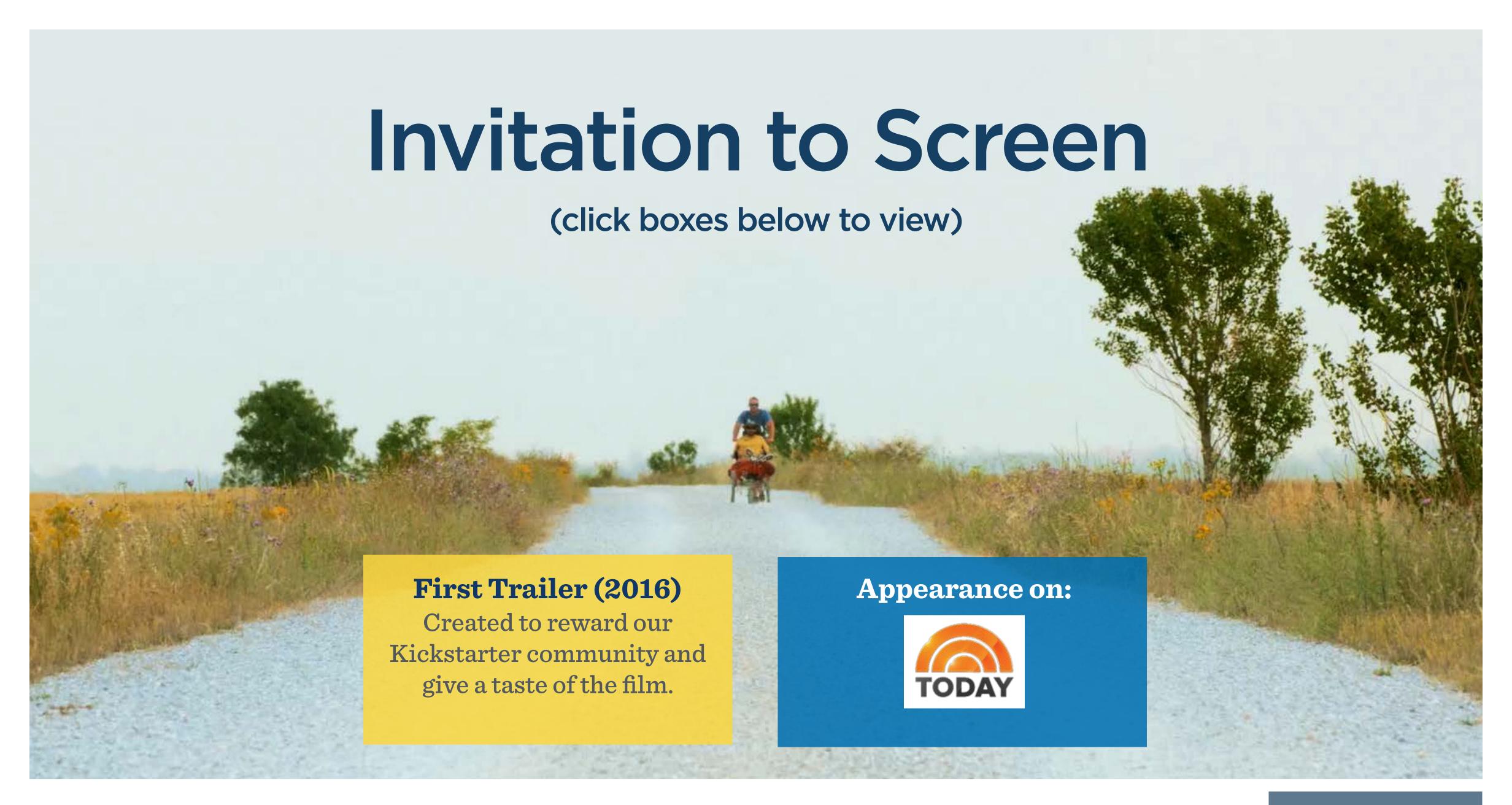
Film Synopsis

I'll Push You is an intimate portrait and epic journey, exploring the true meaning of friendship and the power of community.

All is put to the test when Patrick agrees to a crazy proposition - to push his lifelong best friend, Justin, across the historical 500-mile pilgrimage of northern Spain, the Camino de Santiago in a wheelchair.

The result? A one-of-a-kind documentary film and memoir chronicling their pilgrimage.





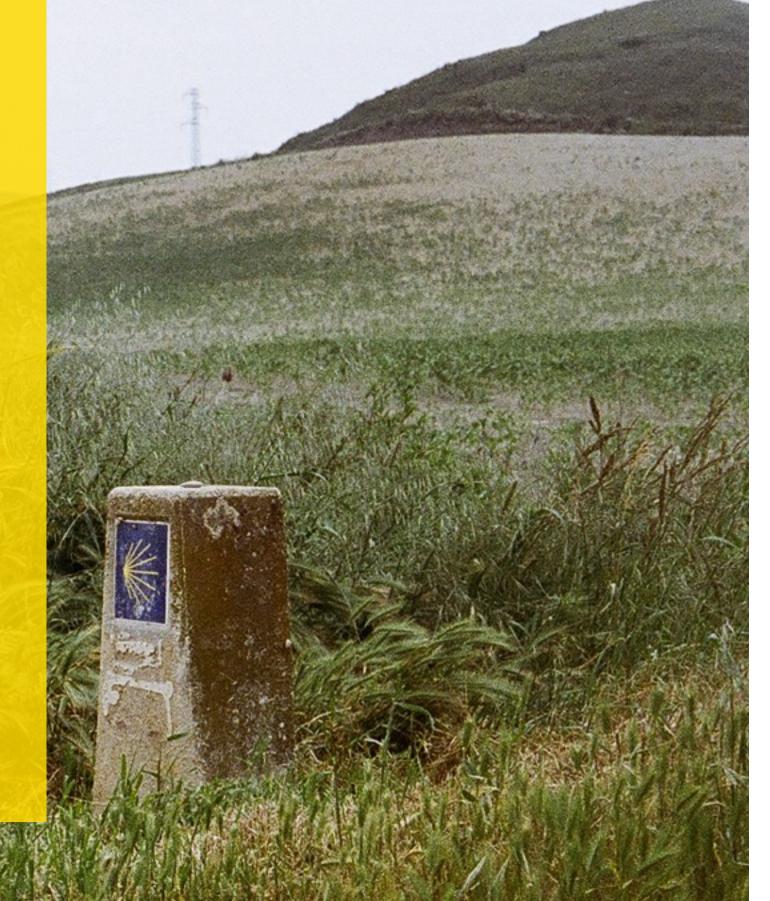
About The Camino

The history of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela dates back to the ninth century to the discovery of the body of the apostle St. James. Scholars believe St. James was a great evangelist in Spain at the time during the reign of King Alfonso II (792-842).

Gradually, people started making their way to Santiago to pay homage to St. James at the Cathedral which was built over the site of the tomb. Between the 12th and 13th centuries, the pilgrimage became more established and more popular.

In the last 30 years, in particular, there has been a huge growth and interest in the number of pilgrims traveling on foot, by bike, on horseback, or in our case, by wheelchair!

Although originally known as a Christian pilgrimage, the Camino now attracts people of all faiths and backgrounds, from atheists to Buddhists, adventurers to mourners, and college students to retired friends. Regardless of background, all who take this pilgrimage are transformed in some way when they unplug from the world and live in community together.



Camino At A Glance

Route: Camino Frances (The French Way)

Length: 500 miles (800 km)

Starting Point: St.Jean Pied-de-Port, France

Ending Point: Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Regions: Pyrenees Mountains, Navarra, La

Rioja, Castilla y León, Galicia

When People Walk: Year-round, late-spring through late summer being the most popular

How Many People Walk per Year: 278,224*

Mode of Transportation*: On foot: 91.42%/

On bicycle: 8.41% / On horseback: 0.12% /

By wheelchair: 0.04%

Average Walking per Day: 12-15 miles

Where to Stay: Special Pilgrim Hostels, called "Albergues", Hotels, Paradores (Luxury Hotels) and Casas Rurales (Country Cottages)

Average Amount of Time: 4-6 weeks

Pilgrim (or Peregrino): Any participant

who travels along part of the Camino

*Percentages based on pilgrims who received their Compostela at the Pilgrims Office in 2016.

Kudos

"I'll Push You is not just the remarkable story of one able bodied man pushing another man's wheelchair on a 500-mile journey. It's the story of two friends who've spent their entire life's journey pushing each other to be better people. Through their courage, grace and dignity, Justin and Patrick remind us that we are stronger together than separate. As it turn out, we all need a push."

community. The love that is so evident in Justin and Patrick's story is a brilliant reminder of how we should engage with one another, a reminder of what the church is meant to be."

"I'll Push You is a powerful story

of friendship and faith, defining

what it means to be part of a

JEREMY COWART

Photographer and Founder of *The Purpose Hotel*

"In our fast paced world of shallow engagement, *I'll Push*You comes as a great of fresh air, depicting a brotherly friendship that is refreshingly deep and authentic. Disarmingly vulnerable, and dangerously challenging, Patrick and Justin offer us a glimpse of what true friendship can look like if we are willing to take the risks."

TIM FOREMAN

Grammy winning band SWITCHFOOT

"We live in a culture that values romantic love and to a certain extent familial love, but we have very few stories of a brotherhood like tis one: a story about lifelong friends who, when life became challenging, didn't back away, but instead became more committed to one another, more connected, more willing to sacrifice. This is an important, beautiful, inspiring story."

SHAUNA NIEQUIST

New York Times bestselling author of Present Over Perfect and Bread & Wine

MEREDITH VIERIRA

Journalist and Talk Show Host



Crew List

emota, inc.

PRODUCTION COMPANY

Terry Parish

CO-DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Chris Karcher

CO-DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, EDITOR

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PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

Bridget Hanely

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

Technical Details

Feature-Length Documentary

Running Time: 98 minutes

Country of Origin: USA and Spain

Resolution: 1998 x 1080

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

23.98 fps

Stereo

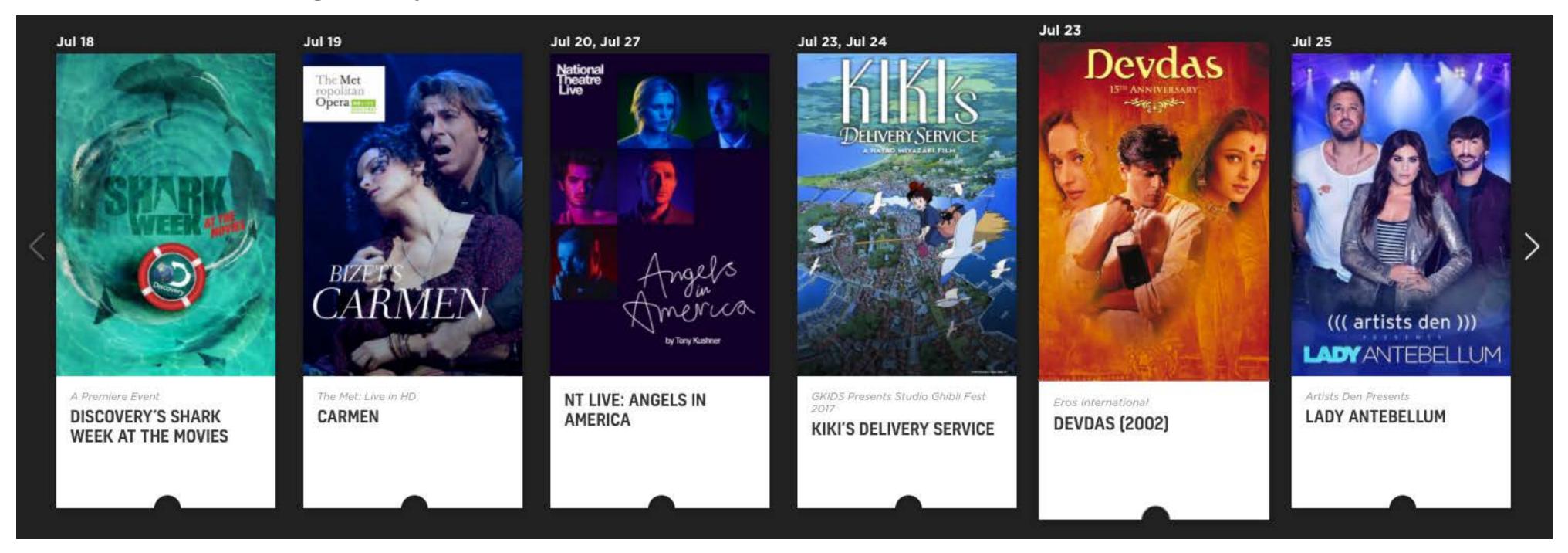


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I'll Push You has partnered with leading event cinema distributor, **Fathom Events** to bring about this exclusive presentation. With advertising access to over 17,000 screens and over 1000 auditoriums, it is the recognized leader in the event cinema industry, offering a variety of world-class entertainment events in movie theaters across the United States.



Fathom Events has exclusivity with the three largest US exhibitors:







Why MDA?

This film is about community.

When Justin first started to experience the effects of his disease, he knew he could turn to the MDA to help navigate new challenges. Their care and support were critical to Justin, and his family.

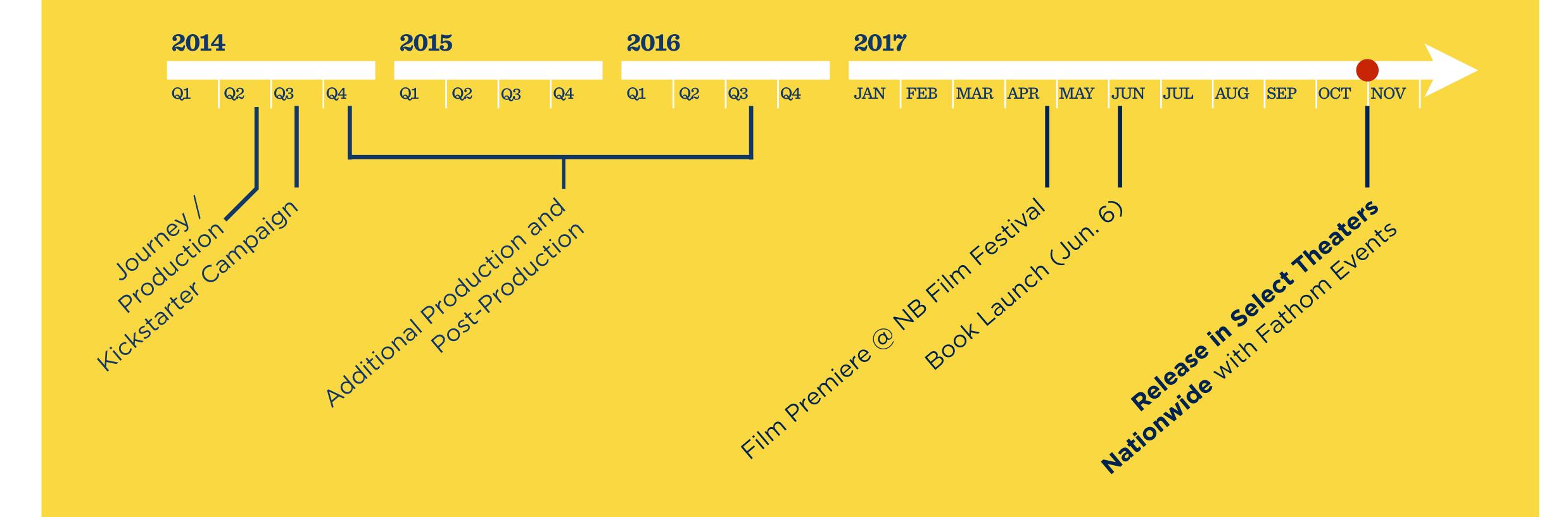
In the film, Patrick represents so many of the caregivers who assist people living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases. The MDA honors those family caregivers for their tireless support and dedication by offering many resources and invaluable guidance.

Because of our gratitude to the MDA, and the role of community they play in Justin and Patrick's lives – and the lives of their families – we are proud to partner with the MDA.

Our partnership strives to help the MDA continue their great work.



Our Timeline



Logline: 50 Words (Short)

Living with a neurological disease, Justin proposes the impossible to lifelong-friend, Patrick: a pilgrimage across the 500-mile trail known as El Camino de Santiago, but do it in a wheelchair. While Patrick says, "I'll Push You," neither would realize the ways they would be challenged by the journey.

Logline: 205 Words (Medium)

It all started with three little words.

I'll Push You is an up-close and personal look into the dynamics of a life-long friendship between two best friends – Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray – as they travel across El Camino de Santiago. This feature-length documentary covers the struggle of the 35-day, 500-mile wheelchair journey across mountains, deserts, hills, and valleys and features perspectives from family and friends. Even though the story begins with the challenge that comes with Patrick's willingness to push Justin in a wheelchair across northern Spain, I'll Push You also explores the struggles related to Justin's rare neurological disease. The parallel paths of Patrick's experience in Spain and Justin's life journey come together in a singular moment to reveal their similarities

where Patrick discovers he's both the pusher and the pushed. The story's beautiful cinematography is set to poignant music tracks that underscore, perfectly, the inspiring example of love and vulnerability on display.

Their trek in 2014 captivated individuals around the world and was featured in the *Huffington Post, The Meredith Vieira Show, Der Spiegel, Fox & Friends,* and many other outlets. Since returning from Spain, Justin and Patrick have been sharing their message of hope, faith, and community worldwide.



Meet Terry Parish

CO-DIRECTOR OF I'LL PUSH YOU

Terry Parish began his career in 1996 as a graphic designer before turning to video content and broadcast commercial direction and production when he cofounded emota, inc – a San Diego-based video agency – in 2009. He's written, directed and produced semi-documentary & marketing content for brands all over the world, like: Blue Buffalo, Charlotte Russe, Citrix, Dockers, eBay, Levi's, Petco, Qualcomm, Sony and Tempur-Pedic. *I'll Push You* is his directorial, film debut. The experience of the Camino provided him the opportunity to share his heart about his hope for friendship, the challenges of generosity and vulnerability, and our ultimate need for the healing power of community.

Terry Parish was joined by his business partner, Chris Karcher, as the co-director of I'll Push You.



Meet Justin Skeesuck

CO-SUBJECT OF I'LL PUSH YOU

Justin Skeesuck enjoyed a prolific career as a graphic designer until a progressive neuromuscular disease finally robbed him of the use of his arms and legs. Never one to dwell on the struggles of life, he has pursued adventure despite living life from a wheelchair. His world travels with his wife and children have done nothing but fuel his desire to experience other cultures. When Justin discovered the Camino de Santiago while watching Rick Steves, he knew he had to attempt the 500-mile journey across Spain, but knew he couldn't do it alone. When Justin asked his best friend, Patrick Gray, his thoughts about the journey, the story of I'll Push You came to life. Leaving graphic design behind, Justin now speaks and writes words of hope, along side Patrick. Together, they share their stories of their struggles in life, challenging people around the world to look at their limitations differently; as something to overcome.

Justin lives in Eagle, Idaho with his wife Kirstin and their three children Jaden, Noah, and Lauren.



Meet Patrick Gray

CO-SUBJECT OF I'LL PUSH YOU

As a former high school teacher, a former registered nurse, and a former health care administrator, Patrick Gray is a lover of people. He believes that who we are on a day to day basis is the greatest testament to what we believe. His life as a husband and father of three children provides him with daily joy, and his recent adventure across Spain with best friend Justin Skeesuck, has opened his eyes to a whole new world of people hungry for hope and purpose. This story known as I'll Push You has opened many doors for both Patrick and Justin to share their unapologetic thoughts on faith, friendship, and love. Leaving his career in healthcare behind, Patrick's new found passion is writing and public speaking with Justin, where they challenge others to live their lives more fully regardless of the limitations they might face.

Patrick lives in Meridian, Idaho with his wife Donna and their three children Cambria, Joshua, and Olivia.



Media Proficiency

Completely new to media attention three years ago, Justin and Patrick gained the valuable experiences they'll need to help promote the upcoming film and be an effective brand partner when the story of *I'll Push You* received international media coverage. Examples include:



TELEVISION

- The Today Show
- The Meredith Vieira Show (US)
- Fox & Friends (US)
- Local (Idaho/E.
 Washington) PBS
 special & local news
 segments
- Other various

 international television
 spotlights and
 segments

ONLINE (U.S.)

- The Huffington Post
- People.com
- Yahoo news
- Today.com (NBC)
- The Guide Post
- New York Daily
- ABC Channel 7
- Other various media outlets and blog posts

ONLINE (INT'L.)

- Der Spiegel (Germany)
- The Daily Mail (UK)
- Karma Europe (NDS)
- Bergamo Post (IT)
- El Correo Gallego (SP)
- Hypeness (POR)
- Kurier (AUS)
- No Newz (CHI)
- 50 e Mais (BRA)
- Peoples (RUS)
- Blue Win (SWI)

Growing Influence



SOCIAL MEDIA

Between *I'll Push You* and *The Disabled Traveler* their social

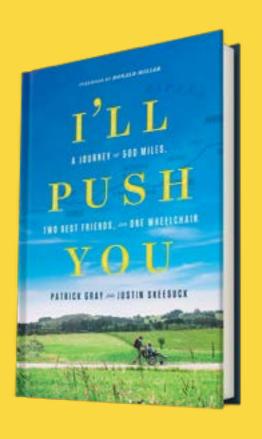
Media is approx. 15,000 active
followers and growing daily on
Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The videos views for their story on
YouTube Facebook, Vimeo: approx:
300,000+



SPEAKERSHIP

The two are sought after speakers and have already reached audiences in the tens of thousands at live events annually. They are slated to continue their speaking engagements through 2017.



AUTHORSHIP

Justin and Patrick are jointly the authors of two books: a memoir about their lives and their journey to be released in 2017 by Tyndale publishing. And a children's book slated to be released in the spring of 2018 also by Tyndale.

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