

**Birdy – USA 1985**

**Credits**

Director: Alan Parker  
Produced by: Ned Kopp  
Screenplay: Sandy Kroopf  
Cinematography: Micheal Seresin  
Editing: Gerry Hambling  
Music: Peter Gabriel

**Cast**

Matthew Modine	Birdy
Nicolas Cage	Al Columbato
John Harkins	Doctor Weiss
Sandy Baron	Mr Columbato
Karen Young	Hanna Rourke
Bruno Kirby	Renaldi
Nancy Fish	Mrs Prevost
George Buck	Birdy's Father
Dolores Sage	Birdy's Mother
Pat Ryan	Joe Segassa

**Running time:** 120 minutes

**Plot Summary:**

Matthew Modine is Birdy, who comes back from Vietnam mentally shattered and deludes himself into thinking that he is a bird, an animal that has obsessed him since childhood. Birdy is confined to a military hospital, where he spends his time sitting naked in his room, not acknowledging anyone, moving and acting like a parakeet. His best friend Al (Nicolas Cage), also a wounded Vietnam vet, visits Birdy every day, determined to bring him back to reality

**Reviews:**

Raising issues about the nature of madness and what constitutes true freedom, this is a curiously arty film from Parker but a gripping one, nonetheless.

*Film 4*

A very strange and beautiful movie.

*Roger Ebert*

A haunting and unpredictable film that more people need to discover.

*Rob Thomas Capital Times*

**Awards:**

Cannes Film Festival: Winner Grand Prix of the Jury

Nomination Palme d'Or

**Coming Soon**

Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Lean on Pete	(Dir Andrew Haig)	USA 2017
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Metro Manila	(Dir Sean Ellis)	USA/Philippines 2013 Tagalong with English Subtitles
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Sweet Bean	(Dir Naomi Kawase)	Japan/France/Germany Japanese with English Subtitles