



CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

PRESS RELEASE

Clearwater Marine Aquarium to launch “Real-Life Movie Star Madness” this summer, including visits from *Dolphin Tale* actors

Clearwater, FL (May 20, 2016) – In the wake of the successful *Dolphin Tale* films, Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) will offer special movie-themed experiences and giveaways kicking off Memorial Day weekend and continuing all summer long. Featuring the real-life stars – the aquarium’s animals and care team – along with the actors from the films, Real-Life Movie Star Madness will give guests the opportunity to dive into the world of *Dolphin Tale* at a whole new level.

Along with Winter, the dolphin whose journey of survival after losing her tail captured hearts around the world, CMA is home to several real-life movie stars. Guests can follow in the footprints of Rufus, the pesky pelican from the films on the self-guided Rufus Movie Trail tour, featuring actual filming locations from *Dolphin Tale* and *Dolphin Tale 2*. Harold, the green sea turtle who played “Mavis” in the movies, will be welcomed to a new exhibit, Mavis’s Rescue Hideaway, opening soon. Collectible, autographed posters of the animals featured in the films will be given to visitors age 15 and under (starting 5/23) as a complimentary souvenir to remember their CMA adventure.

Dolphin Tale actors Nathan Gamble (“Sawyer”), Cozi Zuehlsdorff (“Hazel”) and Austin Highsmith (“Phoebe”) will return to CMA to take part in the movie-themed festivities. The actors will make appearances for their fans, taking photos, signing autographs, and participating in question and answer sessions. Specific dates for actor appearances will be announced soon on the website.

All Real-Life Movie Star Madness activities are included in the purchase of regular admission to CMA.

Guests can learn more and receive updates about exciting things to come this summer at <http://www.seewinter.com/moviestarmadness>

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin’s story of survival, after the injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, *Dolphin Tale*, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, *Dolphin Tale 2*, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people’s lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release.

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