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Excitement Builds for "America's Darling"

PRINCETON, KY—October 13, 2011—Excitement is building as production progresses on Marvo Entertainment Group LLC's latest national television project, *America's Darling*, the story of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling (1876-1962), the *Des Moines Register* cartoonist and pioneering conservationist. The month of October brings the release of a new video preview of the interview with Darling's grandson, Christopher "Kip" Koss, at Darling-related events around the country.

After being shown October 8 at Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City, Iowa, as part of its annual Ding Darling Day, the video will be presented during Ding Darling Days at the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in Sanibel, Florida, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. The next stop for the preview will be the National Duck Stamp Contest at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, October 28-29.

Fall has also seen Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky's travels for the project continue. Recently he met with Vaughn Collins, former Chief of the National Duck Stamp Program, currently Director of Government Affairs, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership in Washington, D.C.

Collins is keenly aware of Darling's contributions to conservation. "Ding' Darling was one of the great conservationists in America," he said. "Darling helped to create one of the most effective land conservation programs in the history of our country, the Federal Duck Stamp program. Since its inception in 1934, the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as the Duck Stamp, has conserved over 5.3 million acres of critical wildlife in all 50 states. The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is working to continue the spirit of Darling's conservation ethic through our work partnering with America's hunting and fishing community. Now more than ever, it is important to recognize 'Ding' Darling the conservationist, and hope that, through his legacy, the *America's Darling* production will inspire future generations to follow his path."

Koltinsky's travels next took him to Memphis, Tennessee, to the national headquarters of Ducks Unlimited, where he discussed *America's Darling* with H. Dale Hall, CEO of Ducks Unlimited and former Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "I am very excited about the *America's Darling* project, an effort to recognize a true leader in the realm of American wildlife conservation," Hall said. "J. N. 'Ding' Darling was highly influential in creating conservation management as we know it today. He marshaled support for the first duck stamp, which he personally drew. He brought the science of habitat management into the mainstream of the Biological Survey, the predecessor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. And he created the Cooperative Research Units in Universities in partnership with the Federal Government and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies to train wildlife professionals. This project and recognition of the contributions made by Ding Darling are long overdue."

Marvo is delighted to announce the latest addition to the *America's Darling* Team, Associate Producer Tom Neff. Oscar-nominated and Emmy-winning filmmaker and founder of the Documentary Channel™, Neff brings a host of experience and expertise to the project.

We also would like to introduce another member of our Team, our *America's Darling* Intern, Signe Mayland, a Senior at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. A triple major in History, Sociology, and Religion, Mayland brings with her research skills and a knowledge of Iowa's history.

Marvo Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky's work is inspired by a passion for stories, history, preservation, and the environment. He may be contacted by phone at (270) 625-6815 or email at sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com.

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