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Get Ready—“America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. ‘Ding’ Darling” Set to Premiere

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“You and your team have accomplished what most would consider an impossible task: condensing ‘Ding’ Darling’s remarkably productive life into a sixty-minute documentary. By skillfully blending thoughtful interviews with audio and visual treasures from diverse archives, you have captured the warmth, breadth and passion of this inspiring teacher/leader, my grandfather.”

—Christopher “Kip” Koss, Past President, J. N. “Ding” Darling Foundation

It is time once again for a great American story ... Twelve thousand cartoons, 300 hours of audio recordings, and 800 images later, production has been finalized on Marvo’s latest national film project, and premieres and screenings are being scheduled around the country. *America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. “Ding” Darling* is the true story of Jay Norwood “Ding” Darling (1876-1962), a nationally-known cartoonist who changed America by influencing her presidents, shaping her landscapes and winning the hearts of her people.

Sincere thanks go out to our underwriters: The “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, VisitFlorida, The City of Sanibel, Florida, The City of Des Moines, Iowa, and Humanities Iowa. We would like to extend a very special thank you to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service for their grant in support of the multimedia production.

We continue to be amazed by all the wonderful images and artifacts we have found along the way! The project will first be released as a 75-minute producer’s cut, so we may share many of these exciting discoveries, from sketch books to never-before-seen artwork.

“I’m still in awe of all the fantastic resources we’ve had for this project,” said *America’s Darling* Associate Producer LuAnne Cervelli, “I have learned so much, and Darling’s philosophy and achievements continue to inspire me on a daily basis.”

Premieres are scheduled around the country. For a current listing of screenings please visit our website, which recently received the Silver W3 Award from the International Academy of the Visual Arts!

<http://www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com/premieres>

At the showings, some of the artifacts appearing in the film will be on display. If you are interested in a screening in your community, please contact Marvo Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky at sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com.

For Koltinsky, the production of *America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. “Ding” Darling* has been unique in his twenty-year career. “Wow—what a project, what a man!” he said. “‘Ding,’ you have taken me on a path that has been creative, inspiring, and transformational. It has been my honor to bring your extraordinary story to life by retracing your footsteps and learning from the many stories as told by your grandson, Kip and the host of people interviewed in our project.”

“I thank the underwriters’ support as well as the many people and organizations that are listed in the show’s closing credits. These credits demonstrate the show’s wonderful partnerships throughout the country and will be a continuing basis for workshops, exhibits, and additional productions that support ‘Ding’s’ work and legacy. Now, I’m getting on the road with our show!”

Marvo Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky’s work is inspired by a passion for stories, history, preservation, and the environment. Over the past twenty years, he has produced numerous documentaries in Europe and the United

States and has worked with PBS, the History Channel and the Documentary Channel. He may be contacted by phone at (270)625-6815 or email at sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com.

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