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Iowa Public Television Premieres **Darling Is Back! The Restoration Of Lake Darling**

Johnston, Iowa – Iowa Public Television announced today the premiere of **Darling Is Back! The Restoration Of Lake Darling**. The documentary will premiere Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. It will also air Monday, April 25 at 10 p.m. and Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Named after two-time Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist and conservationist Jay N. "Ding" Darling, man-made Lake Darling was established in 1950, but had become contaminated by 2002. **Darling Is Back! The Restoration Of Lake Darling** tells the story of the lake's restoration and the dedicated group of people who came together to preserve its dream of beauty. The documentary will feature newly discovered footage of Darling and interviews with representatives of the organizations involved in the restoration project and individuals who joined in the effort as a community.

"**Darling is Back** is a story of hope, of lessons learned and of a new generation taking heed of Darling's doctrine of conservation," said Executive Producer and Darling expert, Sam Koltinsky. "It is the story of how a community with a population of 670 became the driving force behind a \$16 million restoration project, and of how water, an essential natural resource, is so often taken for granted. Most of all, it is a story about people partnering and coming together to restore and preserve a sixty-year-old dream of beauty and cooperation."

Darling Is Back! The Restoration Of Lake Darling is brought to IPTV viewers through a partnership with Marvo Entertainment Group LLC, an award-winning production company based in Florida and Kentucky. Funding is provided by The Gilchrist Foundation, Humanities Iowa and The Washington County Riverboat Foundation.

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