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“America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. ‘Ding’ Darling” Premieres

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America’s Darling: The Story of Jay N. “Ding” Darling has begun premiering and screening around the country to standing-room-only crowds. The 75-minute producer’s cut documentary 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.

To date, *America’s Darling* has premiered in Florida, Iowa, Michigan, and screened at Iowa’s Wild Rose Film Festival and the American Conservation Film Festival in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Response to the film has been extremely favorable as audiences of young and older are being touched and inspired by Darling’s life and legacy. Darling’s 17-year-old great-great grandson has done a superb job as host. In fact, some have called it a “work of brilliance” on the producers’ part by having the young and gifted Chris Steffen help tell Darling’s story.

Mike Mullins, board member of the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, was excited about the film. “From beginning to end, your documentary is chock full of entertaining images, humor, poignant stories, and local history,” he said. “Importantly, you share highly relevant messages from ‘Ding’ Darling which embrace myriad issues still challenging us today. As one would expect, the film embodies ‘Ding’s’ passion for an overriding conservation theme. Using rare footage of Darling’s and his famous cartoons, you have captured the unique spirit that is ‘Ding’ Darling.”

Jim Redmond, a Sierra Club member who saw the film in Sioux City, said, “Thanks for all your skills and artistry as you brought the America’s Darling story to the screen ... you have added ingenious overlays to the story that should reach our most important audience, younger people who can commit to conservation in this critical decade.”

Marvo Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky is delighted by the documentary’s reception. “The overwhelmingly positive audience response at our screenings tells us that it really is time for a great American story,” he said. “We have been reaching out to all age groups, and look forward to meeting the public with our show over this next year.”

If you are interested in a screening in your community, please contact Marvo Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky at: sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com.

The team at Marvo would like to wish everyone the best for the holiday season and special wishes for the New Year. 2013 promises to be an exciting year with lots of surprises in store. Samuel Koltinsky will be the keynote presenter at the Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Trade Show in Des Moines in March. Premieres and film festival screenings, including the Beloit International Film Festival in Beloit, Wisconsin, will continue into 2013. For a full and up-to-date listing, check our website regularly, as new showings are being added: <http://www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com/premieres> 2013 will also be the 500th anniversary of the state of Florida, which will include special screenings of *America’s Darling* as well as the production and release of a new project. Continuing with our series on conservation heroes, we are excited to announce *The Story of Paul Kroegel and Pelican Island*. We look forward to telling the

story of the immigrant who changed our landscapes with our first National Wildlife Refuge! For underwriting opportunities, contact Samuel Koltinsky at sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com

DVD copies of *America's Darling: The Story of Jay N. "Ding" Darling* are available for purchase on Marvo's website: <http://www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com/the-store>

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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