



CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

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CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF WINTER AND HOPE'S RESCUE WITH NEW MUSIC VIDEO

- Discussion and World Premiere of "Hope" music video, by Sammi Benz, at the CMA Bright House Networks Theater

Clearwater, FL (December, 9, 2015) – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is proud to announce the 10 year anniversary of the rescue of Winter, star of the movie *Dolphin Tale* and also the 5 year anniversary of the rescue of Hope, star of the movie *Dolphin Tale 2*.

In celebration of the rescue anniversaries, CMA is proud to announce the world premier of singer, songwriter and actress Sammi Benz's new music video "Hope," which was inspired by the rescue and rehabilitation of the injured dolphins.

Sammi was born and raised in New York City. At the age of five, she was signed by Pepsi to perform at an event at the Jacob Javitz Center in New York City. Sammi attended LaGuardia College and New York University. Her first single "La Ultima Cancion", debuted #34 on the Latin Billboard Charts (BDS). She won Miss Argentina NY, has appeared on various network TV shows in the US and has been featured in numerous national and international magazines. Sammi has also recently performed in the US and abroad in various venues.

Ms. Benz is a board member of the George Lopez Foundation. When not performing, her charitable interests include diabetes and kidney disease research, after school youth learning centers, wildlife rescue, rehabilitation & release programs and active military & veterans groups.

This special event is included with regular CMA admission.

Media Details:

- Where: Clearwater Marine Aquarium, 249, Windward Passage, Clearwater FL 33767
- When: Friday, December 11, 1pm. Arrive by 12:45pm

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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 an 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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