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3 *Dolphin Tale* Movie Stars Welcome 3 Pelicans to Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Cozi Zuehlsdorff, fresh off Disney's Freaky Friday set, available for interviews

Clearwater, FL (Dec. 26, 2017) – Having just wrapped the lead role in the upcoming Disney Channel musical reboot of *Freaky Friday*, Cozi Zuehlsdorff, along with fellow *Dolphin Tale* actors Nathan Gamble and Austin Highsmith, will welcome the arrival of three new pelicans to Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. The three pelicans join Rufus, also a great white pelican, and are named in honor of three special people who have inspired the CMA staff.

“The welcoming of three new additions to the CMA family by the actors is a day that is exciting not only for our guests, but also for those families who have a pelican named in honor of their loved one,” says David Yates, CEO. *“We invite guests to come see the actors and these amazing new birds!”*

All three actors are available for interviews, and Zuehlsdorff is available for her first media interview since wrapping *Freaky Friday* three weeks ago.

Media interested in attending the event or interviews with the stars, contact Bill Potts: bpotts@cmaquarium.org or 727-858-3348.

Additional Details:

- When: Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Where: Clearwater Marine Aquarium: 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater FL, 33767
- Pelican Names:
 - **Skylar Ann.** Named in honor of Skylar Ann Scarnecchia, eleven-year-old cancer survivor and amputee, who impresses us with her courage and smile. Her prosthetic leg comes from Hanger Clinic, where Winter gets her prosthetic tail
 - **Tyndall.** Named in honor of Caleb Tyndall, an amazing 23-year-old with extensive medical issues, and inspired by Winter's refusal to give up.
 - **Matthew.** Named in honor of Army Staff Sgt. Mathew Steven Sitton, who died in August 2012, after stepping on an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. Matthew lived in Pinellas County.

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 environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.

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