



# CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

## MEDIA ALERT

### Dolphin Tale Actor Austin Highsmith Visiting All Children's Hospital

- Actor that portrays Phoebe, the trainer, set to visit All Children's March 31

**Clearwater, FL (March 26, 2015)** – Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) has scheduled a special guest visit by Austin Highsmith to All Children's Hospital on Tuesday, March 31 at 11am. A Q&A session will take place in the Children's Auditorium for patients to meet and ask questions, which will also be broadcast to kids that are in their rooms and unable to make it to the auditorium.

Highsmith played the role of Winter's lead trainer, Phoebe, in both *Dolphin Tale* movies and was recently seen in the crime drama *Gangster Squad* with Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Sean Penn. On television, she has appeared in guest roles on *Private Practice*, *Castle*, *Criminal Minds*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *CSI: NY*, to name a few.

Apart from her on-screen work, Highsmith is enjoying success as a stand-up comedienne. She has performed at such venues as the Comedy Store, Acme Comedy Theatre, and the Tampa Improv and will be opening for Orlando Jones on his Stand Up tour this fall. A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Highsmith graduated from the University of North Carolina with a dual degree in Fine Arts and Political Science.

Highsmith has a passion for working with children and has specifically requested to visit All Children's Hospital during her appearance schedule serving as an ambassador for Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Interested media are instructed to meet in the main lobby of All Children's Hospital, located at 501 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg at 11am. Parking is available in the circle of the main entrance.

Highsmith will be making appearances at Clearwater Marine Aquarium from March 28-31. Schedule can be viewed at: <http://seewinter.com/winter-hope/meet-stars>

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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 rescue dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter, the dolphin's story of survival after 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.

**About All Children's Hospital:** All Children's Hospital, a member of Johns Hopkins Medicine located in St. Petersburg, is the most advanced children's hospital on Florida's west coast and a *U.S. News & World Report* Best Children's Hospital, ranking in the top 50 in three specialty areas. With over 50 pediatric specialties and 259 beds, All Children's is dedicated to advancing children's health through treatment, research, education and advocacy. Programs that include a Clinical and Translational Research Organization, pediatric biorepository and a new pediatric residency program are driving innovation in personalized pediatric medicine and child health. A network of 11 outpatient care centers in eight counties along with affiliate programs at regional hospitals makes All Children's a leading provider of care for Florida's children.

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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