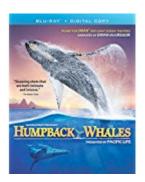
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Media Alert <u>LA Harbor International Film Festival DocSunday</u> <u>Humpback Whales "Whale of a nature doc"</u> <u>Opening Program March 19 at 1 p.m. Warner Grand Theatre San Pedro</u> <u>Great Family Day at the Movies And Timn To Explore the SP Waterfront& Surroundings</u>



Who: 14th annual LA Harbor International Film Festival (March 16-19) DocSunday opening program presented by Tesoro Foundation ~ Port of Los Angeles (POLA) Premiere Sponsors include AltaSea & Cabrillo Marine Aquarium L.A. Waterfront Cruises & Spirit Cruises ~ The Whale & Ale (British Pub and Restaurant)

- What: Humpback Whales (U.S..A.~ MacGillivray Freeman Productions, 2015, 40 min. Director, Greg MacGillivray, IMAX[®] production; screening in "Blue Ray" Conversation and Q&A after the screening with representatives of cetacean and marine disciplines from Alta Sea & CMA
- When: Sunday, March 19th; 1-3 p.m.
- Where: Warner Grand Theatre (WGT) 478 W. 6th St. (at Pacific Ave.), historic downtown San Pedro - the POLA

Synopsis: "A whale of a nature doc... *Humpback Whales* is a prime example of the power of large-format documentaries to educate, delight and inspire." (The Hollywood Reporter). Set in the spectacular waters of Alaska, Hawaii and the remote islands of Tonga, the enlightening ocean adventure appeals to all ages taking the audience on an aquatic journey with intimate views of how the giant marine mammals thrive.

Captured for the first time with IMAX® cameras the behavior of the magnificent sea inhabitants, with their unique communication, reveals their curious qualities and habits: singing, feeding, playing, and caring for their young. These intelligent ocean creatures are considered the most acrobatic of all whales diving up to 1,000 feet, weighing up to 50 tons and as long as 55 feet; migrating as much as 10,000 miles annually. Underlying message of the film is that humpback whales need to be protected and respected in order to survive and with awareness and concerted effort that is taking place. Directed by Academy Aware nominated Greg MacFillivray the film is another stellar achievement in a film chronology of over five decades. For more go to: www.macgillivrayfreeman.com/films

- Cost: General Admission for film only: \$10.00; affiliates*, students, seniors, affiliates* \$8.00 *Los Angeles Maritime Museum (LAMM), Grand Vision Foundation (GVF), Hollywood Heritage (HH) Veterans and those currently serving in the military admitted FREE to all film programs subject to available seating
- **Tickets:** From Feb. 16th www.brownpapertickets.com ~ telephone (800) 838-3006; or WGT box office one hour prior to screening cash sales only
- More: <u>www.laharborfilmfest.com</u>