Backyard Wilderness 3D A New Documentary About Exploring The Endless Adventures That Exist In Our Own Backyard Opens Friday, June 1, 2018 at AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater

Fort Lauderdale, FL May 25, 2018 – Backyard Wilderness, an Arise Media / Archipelago Films production in collaboration with HHMI Tangled Bank Studios will be released by SK Films at AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater in IMAX with Laser on Friday, June 1, 2018. The film arms explorers of all ages with the tools and inspiration to discover the wonders of nature at their fingertips. Tickets are available at the Box Office or by phone 954.713.0930.

Created by Emmy Award-winning and Oscar® nominated filmmakers Andrew Young and Susan Todd, Backyard Wilderness will surprise and entertain viewers with the unexpected delights of nature that are in our own neighborhoods and communities. Spanning a seasonal year around a suburban home, the film displays a stunning array of unique wildlife imagery and behavior - all captured by cameras mounted inside dens and nests and moving along forest floors and pond bottoms. The film reveals the animal inhabitants in rare and breathtaking detail. We follow Katie, a young girl, and her family who are absorbed by an array of electronic devices and, at first, oblivious to the natural world just outside their home. Katie gradually discovers the intricate secrets that nature has hidden so close to her front door and we experience the joy she finds in her interactions with this newly uncovered world. The film reminds us that Wi-Fi is not the only connection that matters and that sometimes in ordinary places, you can uncover extraordinary things that can transform you forever – you just need to step outside.

“We are so excited to share this movie with audiences around the globe,” says SK Films and CEO Jonathan Barker. “Not only is the message of the movie important to share, but the beauty of the film and quality filmmaking will be amplified by showing it on the Giant Screen and in IMAX® theaters.”

Backyard Wilderness 3D is produced and directed by Andrew Young and Susan Todd, who wrote the film together with SK’s Wendy MacKeigan (Flight of the Butterflies, Amazon Adventure). “We could not be prouder of this film,” said Andrew and Susan. “It is imperative to us to encourage children and families to explore the splendor of nature.”

HHMI Tangled Bank Studios has produced an educational initiative to deepen the learning from the film and provide kids, families and educators with an extensive program to empower families to get outside and observe their wild neighbors. Resources will include; an Educators Guide, a Family Guide and SEEK, a unique “kid friendly” version of the highly regarded iNaturalist App, which is specifically designed to engage students to become better naturalists. Available for download in the iTunes store.

Backyard Wilderness 3D is rated G. Running time is 45 minutes.
About AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater
The 300-seat AutoNation® IMAX 3D Theater, owned and operated by the Museum of Discovery and Science, opened in 1992. The science of cinema has been raised to the level of Magic at the AutoNation IMAX 3D Theatre now that IMAX with Laser is illuminating the six story screen by lasers. This new technology with dual 4K laser projectors has revolutionized the way we experience 3D films on the big screen. The new laser projector technology offers brighter images, intense colors, and incredible detail that will leave you in awe.

There’s also a next-generation immersive 12-channel sound system featuring 114 speakers capable of 52,000 watts of digital sound. Whether it’s a pin drop or feeling the heart-palpitating force of a volcano, audiences will experience a new kind of visceral sound experience.

IMAX with Laser is a blend of science and art to deliver a cinema experience that suspends disbelief and transports audiences to new worlds. It’s the difference between watching a movie and being a part of one. The AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater is the only place in Florida where you can experience the power of IMAX with Laser and is one of only three Certified Giant Screen® theaters in Florida as certified by the Giant Screen Cinema Association. For show times call 954.463.IMAX (4629) or visit www.mods.org. More information here: https://mods.org/imax/about-our-imax-theater/

About Museum of Discovery and Science
The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: Broward Health, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Combination ticket prices are $21 for adults; $19 for seniors 65+; $16 for active/retired military personnel; $16 for children 2 to 12. Children under 2 are free. A Combination Ticket includes admission to the Museum exhibits and one classic 45-minute IMAX documentary movie. The Museum of Discovery and Science is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at www.mods.org

About Arise Media / Archipelago Films
Archipelago Films is a production company created by Academy Award-nominated, Emmy-Award-winning filmmakers Susan Todd and Andrew Young. Arise Media is the non-profit they formed to make innovative media about the most urgent social and environmental challenges facing the planet, and to inspire a new appreciation for our own interconnected role in nature.
With a well-established track record of directing, producing and filming, for television, theatrical and now 3D IMAX®/Giant Screens, Archipelago and Arise aim to bring passionate and entertaining films to global audiences through the highest quality visual storytelling. For more information, please visit www.archipelagofilms.com, www.arisemedia.org

About SK Films
SK Films is an award-winning content provider and a global leader in the IMAX®/Giant Screen industry. SK works across various genres and platforms, including theatrical, television and digital media, with a special emphasis on creating high impact natural history and science related content. SK has a reputation as one of the most accomplished and respected producers and distributors supplying 3D, 2D and Dome product to IMAX and other Giant Screen theatres worldwide, with a mission to entertain and inspire audiences and immerse them in the awe and wonder of the world we live in. For more information, please visit www.SKFilms.ca

About HHMI Tangled Bank Studios
HHMI Tangled Bank Studios is a production company established and funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) as an extension of its longstanding science education mission. Dedicated to the creation of original science documentaries for broadcast, theatrical and digital distribution, the company’s award-winning programs address important contemporary issues and capture compelling stories of discovery across all branches of scientific inquiry. For more information, please visit www.tangledbankstudios.org. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. HHMI is a science philanthropy whose mission is to advance basic biomedical research and science education for the benefit of humanity. The institute is the largest private supporter of science education in the country.

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