

WINGS OVER WATER WEEKEND AT MOODY GARDENS FEATURING NATIONAL AUDUBON CHIEF CONSERVATION OFFICER MARSHALL JOHNSON

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Galveston, Texas (March 10, 2022) — Wings Over Water Weekend at Moody Gardens April 22 – 24 will feature an outstanding conservation film, special guest speaker presentation and craft activities in honor of Spring Migration, FeatherFest and Earth Day. Come for the weekend activities and stay at the Moody Gardens Hotel with event hotel package options available. Marshall Johnson, National Audubon Society's Chief Conservation Officer will be giving presentations and answering guest questions at special events on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Friday evening guests can enjoy a dinner buffet at the Garden Restaurant in the Visitor Center from 3 to 7 p.m. A presentation by Marshall Johnson starts at 6:45 p.m. and is followed by the screening of the film and a Q&A Mixer after the film in the Moody Gardens Hotel Lobby. Individual tickets for the film screening and presentation is \$5.00 with proceeds donated to the Moody Gardens Conservation Fund. The buffet and film is available for \$26.95.

Saturday morning from 8 – 10 a.m., early birds can enjoy a light grab-and-go breakfast, the film screening and a guest presentation by Marshall Johnson on Saturday for \$30. Moody Gardens education staff will be hosting free Earth Day arts and crafts Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. with activities connected to this film's topics, marsh habitats and conservation. Showtimes for Wings Over Water 3D are 10:55 a.m., 12:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and admission is \$13.

Wings Over Water 3D is a breathtaking film, narrated by award-winning actor Michael Keaton, and takes audiences soaring above the clouds and into the heart of the prairie wetlands. This film tells the compelling story of three amazing bird species – the Sandhill Crane, the Yellow Warbler and the Mallard Duck – with extraordinary footage of their fascinating behaviors.

As the glaciers retreated at the end of the last ice age, they left an astounding gift of connected rivers, lakes, and wetlands across the heartland of North America. Today, these largely unknown water highways of the prairie wetlands remain an oasis of wildlife, from the herds of bison that still roam part of the Great Plains to the swaying grasslands, wildflowers, and vital honeybees that pollinate our crops and especially for the millions of magnificent birds that migrate along these “flyways”.

We are all dependent on this ecosystem, which is also one of the largest agricultural regions in North America. Farmers and conservationists work in harmony with nature to sustainably produce food. This film will entertain audiences as they soar above the clouds with their feathered friends all while showing them the importance of the human relationship with the prairie wetlands. The film is accompanied by an international educational and marketing outreach campaign with the goal of educating audiences globally as they are captivated by the triumphs and challenges of these remarkable birds as they head home to the prairies to raise their young.

“A weekend full of FeatherFest and Earth Day activities presented as the perfect time for a launch event for our new film *Wings Over Water 3D*,” stated Moody Gardens CEO & President John Zendt, who added, “We’re excited to bring Marshall Johnson here, who is featured in the film, to our community to make the connection between the film and our mission of conservation.”

For more information call 409-744-4673 or visit www.moodygardens.com/wings-over-water-weekend/.

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