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ANIMAL DOCUMENTARY TO PREMIERE AT CINEMATIQUE

The newest feature documentary from local award-winning director Gary Lester will screen January 26 at the Cinematique Theater in Daytona Beach.

Lester's latest production is set for a red-carpet world premiere at 5:30 PM. Wildlife Tree Inc. is planning a major display with live animals outside of the theatre before the special screening.

Featured in the film are PBS host Charlie Carlson of *Weird Florida Fame*, and television's first child super-star, Beverly Washburn.

"Beverly was the guest star on almost all of the classic television shows from the 1950's and 1960's," said Lester. She appeared with Alan Ladd in *Shane*, *The Lone Ranger* with Clayton Moore, and starred as Lisbeth in the Walt Disney classic, *Old Yeller*. However, fans at celebrity events may remember her most as Lt. Arlene Galway on *Star Trek*. "Not only is Beverly one of America's most beloved actresses, but she also happens to be a life-long animal lover," said Lester. "She treats her own rescued animals as treasured family members, and knows the true meaning of a forever friend."

Washburn will appear in person at the documentary's west coast premiere later this year, while Charlie Carlson will appear in person at this month's Daytona screening.

Local organizations represented in the documentary include The Drool, the Port Orange Junior Humane Heroes, Ravenwood Veterinary Clinic, Stable Haven Horse Rescue, Wildlife Tree Inc -- and perhaps the country's only old-age assisted living facility for animals – Journey's End Animal Sanctuary.

The Cinematique Theater is located at 242 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach. Advanced tickets are on sale now. (386) 252-3118. Tickets for the 5:30 PM screening are \$9 for the general public, and \$7 for Cinematique members.

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