NBC's Today Show features Winter, the dolphin with the prosthetic tail made by Hanger

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New York, New York, September 23, 2011 – This morning, NBC's *Today Show* featured Winter, the dolphin with the prosthetic tail made by Hanger's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and Sarasota, Florida Practice Manager Dan Strzempka, and her upcoming role in "Dolphin Tale", the 3D family movie inspired by the true story of Winter which opens in theaters nationwide today.

Watch the segment here: http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/26184891/vp/44638411#44638411.

About Winter – A young Atlantic bottlenose dolphin, Winter was stranded and caught in a crab trap near Cape Canaveral in December 2005, when she was just three-months-old. Her tail fluke eventually came off, as it was severely damaged by the trap's rope entanglement. Winter received round-the-clock medical attention in an effort to save her life. Thanks to the rescue and rehabilitative care of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Winter survived. However, she then adapted to a less efficient and damaging side-to-side swimming style, as there was no tail fluke to give her thrust. Thanks to Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and his colleague Dan Strzempka's ingenuity, Winter became the first dolphin to have her entire tail fluke replaced with a prosthetic device.

About Winter's prosthetic tail – Hanger's Vice President of Prosthetics Kevin Carroll and Sarasota, Florida Practice Manager Dan Strzempka have volunteered their nights and weekends to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and provided Winter's prosthetic tails since 2006. The unique levels of R&D necessary to fit a prosthetic tail on a dolphin have resulted in the development of WintersGel™, a new gel material that is benefiting human patients, available exclusively at Hanger. For more information on Winter and her tail click here. For more information on Winter and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, visit: www.seewinter.com.

About "Dolphin Tale" – A 3D family movie scheduled for release September 23, 2011, "Dolphin Tale" is inspired by the true story of Winter who was rescued off the east coast of Florida and was not expected to survive after losing her tail in a crab trap. Thanks to the rescue and rehabilitative care of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium combined with the innovative prosthetic work of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, Winter's story of survival has become an inspiration to people all over the world. The cast of "Dolphin Tale" includes Ashley Judd, Harry Connick, Jr., Kris Kristofferson, and Morgan Freeman. Playing a prosthetist, Freeman will portray the prosthetic work completed by Carroll and Strzempka. View the "Dolphin Tale" movie trailer on Hanger's YouTube page here.

About Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics – With 670+ patient care centers nationwide, the certified clinicians of Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics provide patients with the latest in orthotic and prosthetic solutions, including microprocessor devices for those with limb loss and neuromuscular technologies for those with paralysis due to stroke, MS and other debilitating conditions. For more information, visit www.hanger.com.

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