



The Whale

The Whale documents the beautiful story of Luna, a young orca who wandered away from his family and into the hearts of people around the world. This visually striking film highlights the connection that Luna forged with everyone he met in Nootka Sound, off the west coast of BC. He craved attention from and connection to others, and when he didn't get it, Luna would go and find some – sometimes getting into trouble.

Luna's playfulness and determination to make friends demonstrate an emotional intelligence that challenges so many of our presumptions about wildlife. Scientists often debunk the idea that a mammal can experience emotions or have feelings similar to ours. Luna showed us that it is possible for a creature to not only need this connection, but to demand it.

Luna's contact with humans did not turn out to be simple. It was as if we weren't ready for him, and couldn't make the leap of faith into his world. Too many different people had too many conflicting ideas as to what was best for Luna... this story is about what happened.

The Whale celebrates the life of a smart, friendly, transcendent being from the mysterious world of the oceans, who reached out to us like a promise out of the blue, challenging us to try to understand other beings in a richer and more respectful way.

Filmmakers *Suzanne Chisholm & Michael Parfit*
in attendance

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Students/Seniors: \$6
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