

FRESH START



The musician, actor, and father of three plays a marine biologist in the new family movie, *Dolphin Tale*. It opens in theaters on September 23

Parent & Child: *The movie is based on the true story of a dolphin named Winter that was fitted with a prosthetic tail after an injury. The real Winter starred as herself in the movie—what was it like for you working with her?*

HARRY CONNICK, JR.: It was cool! She's an amazing animal, and she's very centered and sensitive. It's incredible how she has been able to survive and thrive after losing her tail and undergoing such a change.

P&C: *Two of your co-stars are young kids. Was it fun working with them?*

CONNICK: It was one of the best shoots I've ever been on. Cozi Zuehladorff, who plays my daughter, is one of the most adorable people you'll ever meet. Nathan Gamble [who plays Sawyer] is an extraordinary young man. I love both of those kids, and we still keep in touch.

P&C: *You have three of your own: Georgia (15), Sarah Kate (13), and Charlotte (9). What's cool about being a dad?*

CONNICK: I like watching them learn and discover things, and I like being there to provide guidance if they need it. It's so fulfilling to see them develop into young adults. I miss certain things from the time they were really little, but they just keep growing into more fascinating people.

P&C: *We have to ask one music-related question: Did you sing a lot to your girls when they were little?*

CONNICK: Of course! But not like I sing on stage. I sang them lullabies and little things any father would sing.

—Elizabeth Allan



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