



Punta Sayulita would like to invite you to attend a screening of the critically acclaimed documentary movie, The Cove.

Time: 6:30 pm local (7:30 pm CST)

Date: Thursday, January 14th

Location: Punta Sayulita Beach House
Sayulita (On the beach next to Don Pedro's)

The Cove has been selected as a finalist by The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences to be formally nominated amongst the group of five feature documentaries nominated for the Best Feature Documentary Category.

The new documentary, **The Cove**, tells a story the Japanese government would rather not be made public.

Richard O'Barry, the principal subject of the film, wrestles with almost constant feelings of remorse. In the mid 60s, he served as the technical advisor for the successful television show "Flipper"; he helped find, train and care for the dolphins who played the title character. The success of the series is viewed as the catalyst to the creation of "Ocean Parks" around the world, places like the various "Sea World" parks, where thousands of people visit every year to watch dolphins, whales and other sea creatures perform tricks. O'Barry learns of a small fishing village in Japan, Taiji, where the main business is to capture dolphins and herd them into captivity. They sell the best dolphins to parks, exhibits, "swimming with dolphins" type businesses and more, earning as much as \$150,000 for the best of the best. But what do they do with the rest of these creatures? The ones that don't sell? O'Barry knows and he wants to expose the truth to the world in an effort to put a stop to it.

Naturally, these fishermen have gone through the trouble of capturing these dolphins. The dolphins that aren't purchased by a "Sea World" like organization must be put to good use. And the use these fishermen come up with is pretty unsettling. *(Not appropriate for young children.)*

This is a film we should all see, to help spread the word. If we spread the word, we can put a stop to what is happening in Taiji, Japan.

