

## *Wild Parrots Find a Home*

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*The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, an award-winning feature documentary about the remarkable relationship between a homeless street musician and a flock of wild parrots in San Francisco, has found a roost at Pier 39: The film is now playing at Theatre 39, Mondays and Tuesdays at 2 PM. The “bona fide sleeper theatrical hit of 2005” (New Video), *Wild Parrots* is the fourth highest-grossing theatrical documentary about animals – after *Penguins*, *Winged Migration*, and *Grizzly Man*. The film plays all summer and fall on Theatre 39’s silver screen, located just above the Hard Rock Café at the corner of Beach and Embarcadero. Theatre 39 is the only large-screen venue for the film in San Francisco. Special events include Q&A appearances by the local filmmaker, Judy Irving, and the film’s human star, Mark Bittner, as well as occasional surprise appearances by “Big Bird,” a cherry-headed conure from the wild flock.

“It is that rare documentary that has romance, comedy, and a surprise ending that makes you feel as if you could fly out of the theatre,” said Bruce Newman of the *San Jose Mercury News*. Distributed by Shadow Distribution to over 500 cities in 2005, *Wild Parrots* grossed over three million dollars and was released on DVD by New Video in early 2006. The film has become a San Francisco classic, and the wild parrot flock – now numbering about 200 birds – has tourists “flocking” to Telegraph Hill, hoping to catch a glimpse of the famous red-and-green birds.

Ann Hornaday of the *Washington Post* describes the subtheme of the film that most people don’t expect from an animal documentary: “A thoroughly absorbing portrait of one man’s discipline and commitment – and, yes, spiritual transformation....Quite simply, a beautiful film, in both form and content. You’ll laugh. You’ll cry. And your heart is guaranteed to soar.”

*The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* (83 minutes, rated “G”)  
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For tickets: <http://www.tix.com/Schedule.asp?OrganizationNumber=434>