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'Monkey Kingdom'

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"Monkey Kingdom" is the latest Disney Nature film to be released around Earth Day, April 22. Previous Disney Nature films include: "Bears" (2014), "Chimpanzee" (2012) and "African Cats" (2011). "Monkey Kingdom" is a fascinating look inside the social structure of the macaques in Sri Lanka. The documentary follows a newborn monkey, Kip, and his mother, Maya, as they struggle with their kingdom of the "haves and have-nots." You will learn their competitive social hierarchy is much like the world in which we (humans) live.

Overall there is no "monkey business" with filmmakers Mark Linfield and Alastair Fothergill ("Chimpanzee") as they stay true to Disney's goal for capturing and educating audiences of all ages about the natural world and animal behavior. If you have never ventured out to see one of these beautiful nature films, "Monkey Kingdom" is a good one to start with. Tina Fey delivers an excellent narration, which is an added bonus.

Showing at the Orinda and Rheem theatres,

"Monkey Kingdom" is rated "G" and has a TRT (total running time) of 81 minutes.

Come to learn as you enjoy the beautiful cinematography and the cuteness of the monkeys. Plus for the first week of the release, Disney will be donating a portion of the ticket sales to help preserve the monkey kingdom.

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