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**CELEBRITY PELICAN RETURNS TO FREEDOM**

**Pelican that halted traffic on Golden Gate Bridge to be released Wednesday**

**Bird attains stardom in new film by Judy Irving**

It was August 10 when a young brown pelican landed on the Golden Gate Bridge, bringing traffic to a halt. The large bird was rescued and transferred to marine bird specialists International Bird Rescue Research Center where it has since been recuperating. The time has come for the bird to be returned to the wild.

This female brown pelican and its unique fortune captured the attention of filmmaker Judy Irving (The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill) and has become the star of her latest project on the life of pelicans. Judy will be filming the release of Gigi (for Golden Gate) on Wednesday.

**Release of "Gigi"**

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**1:00 PM**

**Coast Guard Boat Launch**

**Fort Baker, Sausalito**