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## **FOUR WLRN ORIGINAL TELEVISION SPECIALS WIN TELLY AWARDS**

### **WLRN Honored for Documentaries - *Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami*, *Discover South Florida*, *All Shook Up: Miami's Glory Days of Music* and Monthly Series - *ArtStreet***

Miami, FL – April 2, 2009 - WLRN has garnered four Telly Awards for the production of distinctive television documentaries and programs. Among those recognized by the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Telly Awards is PBS nationally distributed documentary [Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami](#); local production [Discover South Florida](#) showcasing the splendor and diversity of South Florida's towns, cities and natural treasures; [All Shook Up: Miami's Glory Days of Music](#), a unique look at the rich history of music in Miami during the 1950's and 1960's; and WLRN's monthly series [ArtStreet](#), which introduces viewers to the artistic side of South Florida.

*Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami*, examines the champion's years in the Magic city as some of his most formative, it was a crucial time of transformation that rendered the talented Cassius Clay into the larger-than-life legendary Ali. The film is must-see viewing for anyone interested in the history and motivations of a great man who became an inspiration to millions. The documentary chronicles Miami's black community and the famed Fifth Street Gym and shows that without Miami, there might never have been a Muhammad Ali. *Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami* received a Telly for excellence in the Film/Video – TV Programs, Segments, or Promotional Pieces – *Documentary* category.

*All Shook Up: Miami's Glory Days of Music* tells the story about the glamorous, dazzling decades of the 1950's and 1960's in Miami featuring some of Hollywood's greatest performers including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and legendary rock band, the Beatles. Through in-studio interviews, rare photos, original recordings and archive film, the musical landscape of South Florida unfolds. *All Shook Up: Miami's Glory Days of Music* received a Telly for excellence in the Film/Video – TV Programs, Segments, or Promotional Pieces – *Documentary* category.

*Discover South Florida* takes you away on a virtual journey throughout South Florida that will not only visit and explore the major metropolitan areas and exotic destinations, but discover the people and places that make us proud to call South Florida our home. *Discover South Florida* received a Telly for excellence in the Film/Video – TV Programs, Segments, or Promotional Pieces – *Travel/Tourism* category.

*ArtStreet*, introduces South Floridians to an explosion of arts from West Palm Beach to the Upper Keys, providing viewers with interviews from national celebrities making an artistic impact here in South Florida to an intimate look at the works of local arts leaders, authors, musicians, actors, and many other cultural events and stories that are playing an integral part of the exciting artistic growth here in South Florida. *ArtStreet* received a Telly for excellence in the Film/Video – TV Programs, Segments, or Promotional Pieces – *Cultural* category.

"What an incredible honor for everyone who's worked hard to create these deserving programs," said John LaBonia, General Manager of WLRN. "I'm very proud that the Telly Awards and Silver Telly Council recognized our commitment to bringing high quality original programs to our audiences here in South Florida."

The Telly Awards is the premier award honoring outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs, the finest film and video productions, and groundbreaking web commercials, videos and films and annually receive over 14,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents.

**About WLRN-TV**

*WLRN Channel 17 is a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member station licensed to the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. During an average week, Channel 17 reaches over 600,000 TV households in the Miami - Ft. Lauderdale area with a viewing audience in four South Florida counties, from Palm Beach to Key West. WLRN is Florida's leading PBS Ready To Learn station airing thirteen hours of award-winning children's programming daily. WLRN-TV also presents the best of the PBS nationally recognized series to compliment locally produced programs and specials. Our prime time schedule features an array of arts, performance, science, and documentary specials to address the diverse interests of the South Florida community. In addition, the WLRN Learn channel a local, non-commercial, cable channel managed and programmed as a public service, is carried by all cable providers in Miami-Dade County and is located on Channel 79 on most cable systems. It offers diverse, relevant international content including news, documentaries, cultural programming, dramas, films & mysteries, music and sports and includes a daily line-up of award-winning PBS Kids programs in Spanish.*