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New Shows Join the WLRN Ready-To-Learn Line Up

Miami, FL - July 29, 2008 – WLRN is proud to announce that the addition of *Angelina Ballerina*, *Martha Speaks* and *Sid the Science Kid* to its Ready-To-Learn service, which is part of a national PBS initiative to provide educational programming for children in order to encourage preparedness for school.

Angelina Ballerina, based off of the bestselling children's series by Katharine Holabird, is about a little mouse named Angelina who dreams of dancing her way to the top of the prima ballerina world. Angelina's adventures and interactions in this character-driven show illustrate both the joys and frustrations of growing up. Through her quest to learn to dance, Angelina learns that life is not always the perfect ballet, and often the steps are hard and confusing – but still, the show must go on.

In *Martha Speaks*, the plot centers around Martha, a loveable dog who's appetite for alphabet soup gives her the ability to speak. Based off of the bestselling children's series by Susan Meddaugh, Martha's interesting ability throws the steak-loving canine into hilarious situations, all of which engage children in the story and keeps them wondering what will happen next! Martha's vocabulary-rich world also bolsters the language skills of 4-7 year olds, who can practice their skills during the animated interstitials that play between the shows two 11- minute episodes.

Sid the Science Kid centers around Sid, a curious five-year-old, who tackles different questions (for example "Why do bananas go bad?" or "How do birds fly without a plane?") that interest preschoolers. In each episode, viewers are introduced to Sid's friends and family, who help him find the answers to the "why?" questions in everyday life that fascinate children.

Show the kids that learning *can* be fun! Catch these shows, as well as the rest of the Ready-To-Learn line-up, on WLRN Channel 17!

About WLRN-TV Channel 17

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.

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