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## **WLRN RECEIVES EMMY AWARD FROM THE SUNCOAST CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES.**

Miami, FL – December 15, 2014 – WLRN Public Television receives an Emmy Award for *Deep City: The Birth of the Miami Sound* by The Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In the category of Nostalgia Programs under best documentary, WLRN's *Deep City: The Birth of the Miami Sound* received top honors with the award going to producers Marlon Johnson, Dennis Scholl and Chad Tingle. *Deep City* is a one hour documentary that tells the story of two musical geniuses who created the first black-owned record label in Florida and changed the face of soul music in Miami forever.

"I am so proud WLRN continues to be recognized as "South Florida's Storyteller" through our award-winning documentaries," said John Labonia, general manager of WLRN public radio and television. "Being able to work with incredibly talented producers to share the stories that make this community so unique and special is one of our greatest assets."

*Deep City: The Birth of the Miami Sound* has also been well received by notable film festivals, such as SXSW Film Festival in Austin, TX, Cleveland International Film Festival and Miami International Film Festival.

The Emmy was presented during The 38th Annual Suncoast Emmy Awards reception on Saturday, December 13th, at the Westin Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. WLRN is among the winners for the coveted Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards, which recognize excellence in television and the regions' leadership for their artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. This year there were a record 1,232 entries submitted from all over the region including Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and Puerto Rico.

**About WLRN-TV**

*WLRN-TV Channel 17 is a PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) member station licensed to the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. During an average month, 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 South 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 content. Our prime time schedule features an eclectic array of arts, science, history and WLRN original documentary specials to address the diverse interests of the South Florida community.*

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