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**The nation's most beloved spectacle is the backdrop for  
WLRN's newest documentary,  
"JOURNEY TO THE MACY'S PARADE"**

**Premiering on South Florida's PBS Station WLRN Channel 17  
Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.**

Miami, FL – September 15, 2014 – WLRN Public Television is proud to premiere its new original documentary "**Journey to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.**" For 86 years, this parade signifies the official start of the holiday season, but what does it really take to be a part of America's favorite pastime? In this rare, behind the scenes production, WLRN will show viewers just what it takes to be part of this monumental event.

We'll follow a Macy's parade clown from Fort Lauderdale, Charles Tatelbaum. He is an attorney by day and clown by choice. Chuck is a 2011 graduate of Clown U, sponsored by New York's Big Apple Circus. This may sound like funny business, but if you want to make the cut, you must attend clown school to learn a few tricks of the trade. He has participated as a volunteer clown in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade for 3 years. Then we head to Florida's west coast to document the Tarpon Springs High School Marching Band, to find out what it takes to make it to Macy's.

Representing the great state of Florida, the Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts was selected by Macy's because of their elaborately choreographed and dramatic performances. They are one of only ten marching bands chosen to participate in this year's parade. From practice to performance and everything in between, we'll document their journey to New

York. Viewers will get an all access pass to see just how this massive production comes to life.

#### CALENDAR LISTING

WLRN Channel 17 presents

**JOURNEY TO THE MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE**, through the eyes of a Macy's parade clown and a very talented marching band from Tarpon Springs, WLRN follows their entire journey to show what it really takes to be part of America's favorite pastime.

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#### **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.*