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## **Top Honors Awarded to WLRN! South Florida's Public Television Station Takes Home Five Suncoast EMMY Awards**

Miami, FL – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – WLRN, South Florida's public television station, took the spotlight at The 39th Annual Suncoast Emmy® Awards when it was honored with five EMMY Awards. The Suncoast Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences announced the winners on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Westin Beach Resort & Spa on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

"I'm proud of where we are as a station and I am very proud of our producing team, they work hard to create programs that resonate in our local communities," said John LaBonia, General Manager of WLRN. "These accomplishments continue to reinforce WLRN's mission as the leader in telling the stories of South Florida."

Congratulations to the producing teams that have continued to enforce the quality and standards of storytelling in South Florida. The winners are;

- **Historic/Cultural Program – The First Miamians - Alan Tomlinson**  
Long before the first American pioneers established homesteads on the Miami River, its banks were occupied by the Tequesta Indians. Today, archeologists have discovered the remnants of a Tequesta fishing village on a development site in downtown Miami, and what they are finding is completing a vivid picture of what life was like for this prehistoric community of first Miamians. Watch the video online at <http://video.wlrn.org/video/2365618167/>
- **Documentary Historical - Treblinka's Last Witness - Alan Tomlinson, Adrienne Kennedy, John Labonia**  
WLRN's film is an unvarnished tale of extraordinary intensity with a first-hand account by last-known survivor Samuel Willenberg, now 92 years old, about his life during the Holocaust and as a prisoner of the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Samuel's story is one of survival against staggering odds, and ultimately one of triumph. Visit the Treblinka website and view the film trailer at <http://wlrn.org/treblinka>
- **Nostalgia Program - The Man Who Built Miami Beach - Alan Tomlinson**

Miami Beach was incorporated as a city 100 years ago by a group of visionary pioneers, but it was one of them - a colorful industrialist with a knack for publicity named Carl Fisher - who was most responsible for transforming a swampy jungle into the glamorous tourist resort of today. The film chronicles this metamorphosis through the story of its forgotten protagonist. Watch the video online at <http://video.wlrn.org/video/2365618090/>

- **Interstitial: Who Killed Leno and Louise? - Mia Lorenzo, Debra Hall-Greene**  
Who killed Italian artist Leno Lazzari and his business savvy wife, Louise in the early hours of November 14th, 1948 in Boca Raton? You be the judge as we shed light on one of Florida's most intriguing cold cases.
- **Big Cypress National Preserve: Panthers - Felipe Marrou**  
In this fourth episode of Big Cypress National Preserve, host Rey Becerra joins Florida Wildlife Commissioner Alligator Ron in the hunt for the elusive Florida Panther. Travel through the Florida Everglades and learn about this solitary and endangered species. Watch the video online at <http://video.wlrn.org/video/2365579214/>

WLRN is proud to be among all the nominees 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. Entries are submitted from all over the region including Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and Puerto Rico.

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#### **About WLRN**

WLRN Public Media is committed to being the most trusted source of information and entertainment in South Florida's diverse community. Licensed to the school board of Miami-Dade County, WLRN is best known for its award winning public radio and television programs, but its services go well beyond the airwaves. It's a complex media enterprise consisting of radio and television stations, [www.WLRN.org](http://www.WLRN.org) and educational channels offering you a variety of high quality programming and advanced learning services making WLRN a valuable public media source.