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WEDU DOCUMENTARIES ARE HONORED WITH EMMY® AWARDS

Tampa, FL — West Central Florida's primary PBS station, WEDU, was recently honored at the 2007 Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards with six nominations and two Emmy® wins for ***Central Avenue Remembered*** and ***Dolphin Rescue*** in the cultural documentary and topical documentary categories, respectively.

In the locally-produced documentary *Central Avenue Remembered*, producer Spencer G. Briggs brings the story of one of Tampa's most famous and infamous neighborhoods to life. The program is taken from Tampa Poet Laureate James Tokely's composition of the same name, and Mr. Tokely lends an authentic voice to this compelling stroll through a piece of Tampa's history.

Dolphin Rescue follows the rehabilitation and release, through Mote Marine, of two Risso's dolphins. WEDU Board member and journalist, Cathy Unruh personally guided the heartfelt journey of "Bonnie and Clyde" as highlighted by producer Ellen McVay and editor Larry Wiezycki.

The December 1st Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards [Kissimmee, FL] showcased the best in television throughout the region including nominations from Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and parts of Louisiana and Alabama. In addition to the two Emmy® Awards, WEDU also received Emmy® nominations for *Smart Health*, produced by Jen Noble with Angie Moreschi (in the Health, Science, Environment Program category); For *The Life and Times of John and Mable Ringling*, produced by Larry Elliston and edited by Dax Bedell (Nostalgia Program Category); *Maestro Leif Bjaland* with photography by Alex Gazio (Photographer-Program category) and for *Dolphin Rescue* written by Ellen McVay (Writer-Program Category). Jack Conely served as Executive Producer for *Central Avenue Remembered*, *Dolphin Rescue* and the other WEDU® Emmy nominated programs.

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“WEDU is proud to produce such quality local programming. We frequently hear from our viewers how much they value and enjoy these educational, entertaining, and many times inspirational stories about our community,” said Dick Lobo, WEDU President and CEO. “It’s an honor to be awarded Emmys® for these locally-produced documentaries.” *Central Avenue Remembered*, *Dolphin Rescue* and other WEDU programs can be viewed at wedu.org.

WEDU, a 501(c)(3) organization, serves 16 counties including the Tampa, St. Petersburg, Pasco, Polk and Sarasota areas through multiple media platforms including on-air broadcasting and online experiences. WEDU, recently awarded its second consecutive four-star rating by Charity Navigator, is financially supported by its local community, and provides the highest quality education, information, and entertainment programming on local, national, and international levels. For more information about WEDU programming, special events, outreach efforts and community partnerships visit www.wedu.org or call 800.354.9338.

