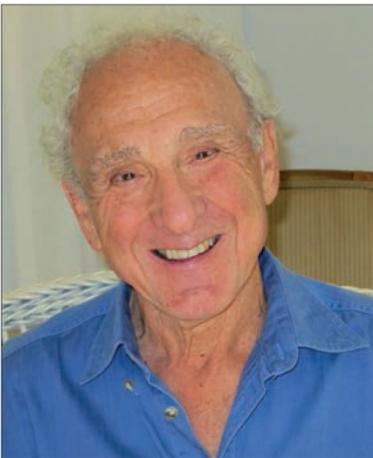




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## ***WEDU Board of Directors Elects New Member*** Jerry Bilik of Sarasota joins WEDU's Board of Directors



**TAMPA, FL (May 20, 2013)** — The Board of Directors of **WEDU**, West Central Florida's primary PBS station, has elected **Jerry Bilik** of Sarasota to WEDU's Board of Directors.

A celebrated composer and musician, Mr. Bilik gained national recognition early in his career for his first original marching band composition, "Block M" in 1956. Jerry continued to compose, teach, and direct original stage productions. Notable projects he has worked on include major award shows, such as the Oscars, Emmys, Grammys, and People's Choice Awards. Jerry created and directed the first "Disney on Ice" show in 1981. There are currently eight "Disney on Ice" productions on tour.

Jerry's creative endeavors continued at Ringling Brothers, where he served as Vice President of Creative Development. Under his leadership, major stage productions for Siegfried and Roy and Walt Disney were produced in Las Vegas. West Point, Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic, and Doc Severinsen and the Boston Pops have all commissioned and played Jerry's arrangements.

### **ABOUT WEDU**

WEDU is West Central Florida's primary PBS station and public media company reaching 16 counties through media platforms including on-air programming and online experiences that broaden horizons, transport and transform and open gateways to new ideas and new worlds. Financially supported by the community, the organization offers a wealth of award-winning inspirational, educational and enlightening content over a variety of multi-media platforms including: television programming, station's website, [wedu.org](http://wedu.org) and various social media platforms, monthly member magazine *Premiere*, educational outreach activities and a myriad of special events. WEDU's focus on the local community has resulted in the station being regarded as a beacon of trust for men, women and children of every walk of life no matter their age, ethnicity or socio-economic status. WEDU is a treasured community resource; a window to the world for the homebound and a vital educational source for the youngest members of society. WEDU prides itself on its position in the Tampa Bay community as a leader, partner, informed citizen and a member of PBS, the most trusted institution in America (Source: CARAVAN ORC International, January 2013).

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