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WEDU PBS Honored with Awards from The Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists

Tampa, FL — WEDU PBS, West Central Florida’s primary PBS station, was honored Saturday, October 12 by The Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists during the 2013 Griot Drum Awards. The annual ceremony recognizes print, broadcast, and online media professionals for quality coverage of people of color in the Tampa Bay area.

The Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists, 2013 Griot Drum Awards:

Community / Public Affairs

WEDU PBS, *Suncoast Business Forum*

Geoff Simon, Host

About this episode (Aired: 12/27/12) – In 2004, Lt. Colonel Gregory Celestan, a West Point graduate, decided to trade his Army uniform for a business. Starting from scratch he has turned his expertise in military intelligence and operations into a \$20 million business, providing specialized services to the military and the private sector in less than a decade – with more growth on the horizon.

Documentary

WEDU PBS / Meat Captain Productions, *Diamonds Along the Highway:* *“Baby Artist: The Gale Fulton Ross Story”*

About this episode (Aired: 2/23/12) – Fulton Ross, the acclaimed African-American artist living and working near Siesta Key, has an amazing story and life she wants to share. Her paintings are a unique blend of the black experience, ranging from high profiled commissioned work to the abstract. But this is only part of her story.

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Her father, Herman Fulton Jr., committed suicide when she was a young woman. Also an artist, Mr. Fulton battled depression, especially after his seminal work, as Gale makes claim, was stolen right out from under him.

Mr. Fulton's creation would become a landmark automotive design—the Cadillac “fin.” But, is Herman Fulton the “father of the fin?” And, did General Motors confiscate his blueprints and give credit to another designer, a white designer? In the film, Gale has several revelations as she learns more about the man she called “Daddy” and the legacy he left behind. (The *Diamonds Along the Highway* series is a production of MCP, Meat Captain Productions in partnership with presenting station WEDU.)

To view WEDU's 2013 Griot Drum award winning programs, visit wedu.org/awards.

ABOUT WEDU PBS

WEDU is West Central Florida's leading 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 media platforms including: television programming, station's website, 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 (Harris Interactive Trust QuickQuery, January 2013). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter or call 813.254.9338.

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