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Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists Names Dalia Colón, WEDU PBS, Winner of Griot Drum Award



Dalia Colón, host of *WEDU Arts Plus*.

Tampa Bay, FL – The **Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists** held its annual **Griot Drum Awards** ceremony at the Tampa Marriott Westshore on Thursday, November 17, 2016. The awards ceremony recognizes print, broadcast, and online media professionals for quality coverage of people of color in the Tampa Bay area.

Dalia Colón, host of *WEDU Arts Plus*, a weekly arts and culture series produced by WEDU PBS, was honored with a Griot Drum Award during the ceremony for her *WEDU Arts Plus* segment featuring 91 year old, Tampa Bay resident and concert pianist **Lillette Jenkins-Wisner**. Also known as the Queens of Keys, Jenkins-Wisner paved the way for today's piano artists like Alicia Keys, John Legend, and others. Her career began at the young age of six and includes having shared the stage with legends like Frank Sinatra,

Sammy Davis, Jr., Nat King Cole, Ray Charles, Lena Horne, and more recently with Billy Joel.

WEDU Arts Plus airs on WEDU PBS Thursday nights at 8 p.m. and repeats several times during the week on WEDU's multiple channels. Programs are also available for viewing on mobile devices such as smart phone and tablets. Visit www.wedu.org/artsplus to watch past episodes.

All of WEDU's awards nominated and winning programs can be viewed on the WEDU PBS website at: www.wedu.org/awards.

ABOUT WEDU PBS

WEDU is West Central Florida's leading PBS station 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 website, www.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: Survey Sampling International (SSI), January 2016). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit www.wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter (@wedupbs) or call (813) 254-9338.

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