MUSIC UNDER THE STARS FEATURES ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC SILENT MOVIES SCREENED WITH LIVE MUSIC PERFORMED BY MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AWARD-WINNING MUSICIANS

DATE: Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

601 SW 8th Avenue, Miami, FL

MIAMI -- A talented orchestra of blind and visually impaired musicians will debut a vibrant new musical score to *The Great Train Robbery*, the iconic silent movie, as the highlight of Music Under the Stars, a fundraiser sponsored by Miami Lighthouse for the Blind on Wednesday, May 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This annual event will be held at the Miami Lighthouse campus located at 601 Southwest 8th Avenue in Miami.

The gifted musicians, students and instructors of Miami Lighthouse's Music program, will perform live while *The Great Train Robbery* is shown on a giant movie screen. The dramatic score was written by instructor Oman Pedreira. The historic black and white silent film was originally shot in 1903 and was based on an actual train robbery perpetrated by famed bandit Butch Cassidy. At 12 minutes, *The Great Train Robbery* is considered to be the first American action film and Western film and was selected for preservation in the U.S. Film Registry of the Library of Congress.

Emceed by Olga Villaverde, Host of Lifetime TV's The Balancing Act, the event will recognize Trish and Dan Bell, Lee R. Stern of Medegy Health Systems and the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation. Music Under the Stars will feature a cornucopia of culinary delights, prepared by popular restaurant sponsors, including

Brazilian Grill, Seasons 52, Mario the Baker, Sports Grill, The Big Cheese, Perricone's Marketplace, *Thierry* Isambert Culinary and Event Design, BurgerFi and wine bar by El Carajo Tapas & Wine.

The \$75 per person ticket donation supports the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program, a statewide initiative that provides free eye care and prescription glasses to underserved students throughout Florida, and is administered by Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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