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The North Shore Park Bandshell Gets a Stage Name
– In Honor of Beloved Miami Beach Senior High School Teacher –

Miami Beach, FL: Forty-four years ago, Clark Douglas Burris was hired as a music teacher at Miami Beach Senior High School (MBSHS) and is most known for founding the Miami Beach Senior High School Rock Ensemble in 1972.

Under Mr. Burris' direction, the Rock Ensemble rose to national prominence, won many honors, was featured in newspaper articles and on television networks such as CBS, CNN and MTV. The Rock Ensemble performed in many cities across the United States, including a performance in 1999 at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, where the Ensemble was awarded a plaque commending it for "Rockin' the Planet since '1972".

Mr. Burris retired from MBSHS in June 2012 after 41 years of dedicated service and passed away on January 28, 2016. Yet his legacy as a mentor to countless students over his distinguished teaching career continues to inspire the Miami Beach community.

Today, the Miami Beach City Commission unanimously passed a resolution sponsored by Commissioners Micky Steinberg and Joy Malakoff to officially name the stage at the North Shore Park Bandshell in honor of Clark Douglas Burris.

"Mr. Burris was a highly respected and influential music teacher," said Miami Beach Vice-Mayor Micky Steinberg. "I am so grateful to have been his student and can personally attest to the profound inspiration he had on so many of us during our years at Miami Beach Senior High and beyond."

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