Friends of Miami Marine Stadium

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To: Miami Marines
We continue our "quiet campaign" - meeting with and presenting to major donors who will fund the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium. Momentum and public awareness is growing steadily.

Dade Heritage Trust
Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) is the foremost organization in Miami Dade County devoted to historic preservation. Formerly, DHT was the parent organization to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, providing important advocacy and support and an administrative umbrella. Since 2011, Friends of Miami Marine Stadium became an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For more information on Dade Heritage Trust, click here.

Marine Stadium Exhibits

Marine Stadium Presentations

The Miami Marine Stadium continues to attract not just local but national attention. As we move into fundraising mode, it is important for us to get the word out. We've recently made presentations

Marine Stadium Exhibit at HistoryMiami
to the Virginia Key Beach Trust and Tub Gallery Miami.

We have upcoming presentations to Coral Reef Yacht Club for BAD Night.

# of Marine Stadium presentations made to date..................84

**If Seats Could Talk**

**Marine Stadium Memories: Teachers Strike, 1968, Rally at Marine Stadium**

We think of the Marine Stadium as a site for entertainment and spectacle of all types. But it was also an important site for community gatherings and all types of political events. Read this first-person account from Patricia Braynon about the strike.

# of Marine Stadium memories to date....................192

**Join Our Mailing List!**

**Join Our Email List!**

# of people on Friends of Miami Marine Stadium email list..................2930

We respect your time and only send out emails on average about once a month. We do not lend or sell our email list to anyone.

**Help Restore the Marine Stadium!**

All contributions are extremely important to us. We urge you to consider making a tax-deductible gift to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium. We have worked diligently for almost six years and your dollars will help us reach the tipping point. You can use PayPal by going to our Marine Stadium website.

Our blockbuster exhibit "Concrete Paradise: Miami Marine Stadium" which was organized by the Coral Gables Museum, was a huge success this past Fall/Winter. A smaller version of the show has moved to HistoryMiami. The opening of the exhibit, in conjunction with a show on street art called "Some Like It Hot", is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 from 6-9 PM. The exhibit will remain on display through April 27. There is free admission on opening night and there will be a DJ, snacks, and cash bar. To RSVP, click [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp).

Another Marine Stadium photography exhibit has just opened at Tub Gallery in Wynwood by Miami Photographer Flor Mayoral. As you know, many photographers have worked at the Marine Stadium, but we are dazzled by the number of unique viewpoints that Flor has captured... 20 limited edition prints were sold on opening day! Tub Gallery and Flor Mayoral are generously donating a portion of the proceeds to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium.

The exhibit will be open until April 8

**Tub Gallery**

171 West 23rd Street, Wynwood

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**Photograph By Flor Mayoral**

**More Press**

The Miami Marine Stadium continues to attract local, national, and international interest. Damn Magazine, a European web magazine devoted to art, architecture, and design recently featured an article on the Miami Marine Stadium and the exhibit "Curiosity" by Kolkoz, which was sponsored by Audemars Piguet, as a highlight of Art Basel Miami Beach.

The Marine Stadium has also been featured in The District, a national web publication by General Motors. Our Gloria Estefan/Jimmy Buffett Fundraiser was highlighted in the national boating publication, Pokerrunsamerica.com
Locally, a wonderful front page story by freelance writer Marlene Sholod appeared in a new neighborhood publication, I’m Not Your Boring Newspaper. The Rhythm Foundation just posted a story on the Marine Stadium in their blog. Our thanks to James and Laura Quinlan, Co-Founders of the Rhythm Foundation, for their long-time support of the Friends of Miami Marine Stadium’s restoration efforts. We look forward to seeing Rhythm Foundation concerts there!

Marine Stadium Inspires……..

Street Artist Stinkfish

One of the true joys of the Marine Stadium initiative is the people we meet, who are inspired to join our effort. For the last six months, we’ve been working with Art Collector Craig O’Neil. Craig is developing a program whereby we will sell limited edition prints of street artists who have “painted” at the Marine Stadium. The proceeds of these prints will benefit our effort to save and restore the stadium. We expect to launch this program in the next several months. It’s a great way to take home a piece of street art-and benefit the stadium. The series will feature both world famous and highly regarded street artists.

The first painter to work at the stadium as part of this program is Stinkfish, a street artist from Bogota, Colombia, who is internationally recognized. To experience Stinkfish’s impressions of the Marine Stadium, read this excellent story by Travis Cohen of the Miami New Times. Stinkfish recently was part of Prada’s “In The Heart of Multitude” Project. Finally, to learn more about the street art scene in Colombia, you can read a recent front page article in the Miami Herald.

Conclusion

Since our initiative began six years ago, we’ve seen the potential of
the Marine Stadium as a unique venue continue to expand and evolve. This last year especially, we've experienced an explosion of interest from the arts community-photography, street art, dance, and even a floating art installation opposite the Marine Stadium for Art Basel Miami Beach. Of course this just adds to an already long list of potential uses-athletic events, racing of all types, concerts, and spectacles.

As we continue our quiet campaign, we are always discovering new uses for the Stadium. Our goal is for ALL of the community to enjoy this magical place.

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George Washington Regatta, 1968
Photo Credit: Carl Henderson Collection
Photo Courtesy of Owen Blauman includes Miami residents Curt Brayer, Marjorie Brayer and Ted Neuweller