

To: Miami Marines

It's been a while since our last update. We are in the quiet period of August. But we've been working. Here's what's happening:

### IF SEATS COULD TALK

Would you like to help make the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium a reality? We're not asking you for money (not this time) or to go a meeting. All you have to do is write down your great memories of Marine Stadium!

As you know, we have a great Girl Scout, Hannah Imberman, who, with the assistance of her friend Kira Feldman, is compiling a book of people's memories of the Stadium.

Please write yours up and email it to Hannah at [ifseatscouldtalk@gmail.com](mailto:ifseatscouldtalk@gmail.com) . Your submission doesn't have to be long. You don't have to write more than a paragraph or so. Just document something that you did, saw, or felt while at the Stadium. We will work with Hannah to publish a book of these wonderful memories next spring. We've had lots of responses - but we need more!

Meanwhile, the girls have been getting some great publicity for the project and for the Marine Stadium. They have been written up in the *Miami Herald* and *The Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* ( <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/topic/sfl-flijdcgirls0812jldcaug12,0,7299997.story> ). To learn more about the If Seats Could Talk Project, visit Hannah's ireport on CNN's *Young People Who Rock* web site at <http://www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-306256> .

A television interview with Hannah and Kira will be featured during the month of August on *Comcast Newsmakers* which airs in Miami-Dade, Broward, and the Keys on CNN Headline News. We will be posting this video as soon as we get it. In the meantime, help us out and record your memory!

### Virginia Key Master Plan

The City of Miami Administration is now working on a redraft of the Virginia Key Master Plan. We expect that the new plan will be introduced in the fall. We are hopeful that it will reflect some positive changes and be more sympathetic to the Stadium. We'll keep you posted.

### Great Advertising Opportunity!

PRESERVATION TODAY magazine, the beautiful publication put out by Dade Heritage Trust, will feature the Miami Marine Stadium as its cover story in the upcoming fall issue. The Marine Stadium's history, architecture, and future uses will all be spotlighted with articles and photographs. The magazine will be widely distributed (4000 issues) to preservationists, architects, sports groups, cultural organizations and political and civic leaders and will be mailed free to Friends of Marine Stadium and DHT. This will be

great exposure in a one-of-a-kind publication that will be retained for years by all who receive it. Advertising in PRESERVATION TODAY is a high profile way to support the Stadium. Please contact Dade Heritage Trust (305-358-9572; [info@dadeheritagetrust.org](mailto:info@dadeheritagetrust.org)) right away to place an ad.

### Other News

We were successful in maxing out our matching grant opportunity with the John and Selene Devaney Foundation. We had 44 contributors and we exceeded the \$12,500 match. Thanks to all who contributed!

The Marine Stadium was the lead article a recent issue of AIA Web Magazine, the publication of the American Institute of Architects that goes out to 83,000 professionals. Attached to this email is a copy of the article.

SGH, the engineering firm we have hired to evaluate the cost of concrete restoration of the Stadium, is completing its access agreement with the City. We hope to have a final report by November.

Recently, there have been three triathlons at the Marine Stadium Basin. A big thank you to Commissioner Marc Sarnoff and his Chief of Staff Ron Nelson for for facilitating arrangements with the City of Miami. The Marine Stadium and basin can become one of the most unique and spectacular settings in the world for triathlons.

### Conclusion

We are pleased with our progress. We look forward to picking up the pace this fall.

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