



FRIENDS OF  
Miami **Marine Stadium**

## Friends of Miami Marine Stadium

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Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) is currently the umbrella organization for Friends of Miami Marine Stadium. It is the foremost organization devoted to Historic Preservation in Miami-Dade County. DHT has been the "parent" organization of Friends of Marine Stadium, providing us an administrative "umbrella". For more information on Dade Heritage Trust, click [here](#)

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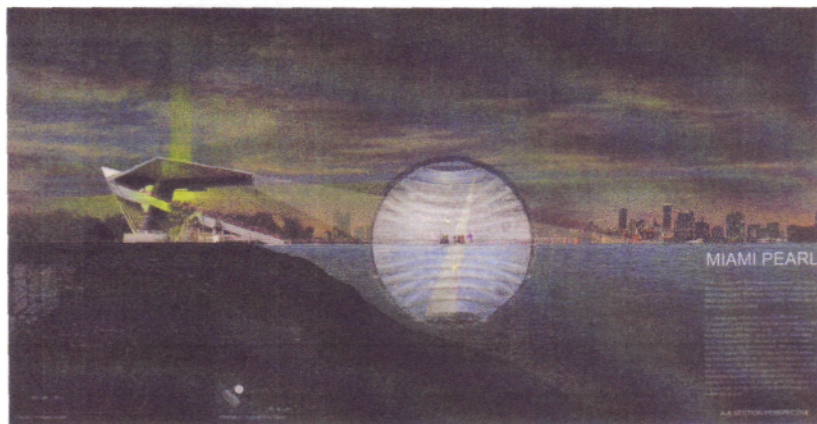
# of people on Friends of Marine Stadium email list...1902

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To: [Miami Marines](#)

Although summer is in full swing, we haven't missed a beat.

### Floating Stage Design Contest Winners Announced



Our Floating Stage Awards Ceremony, held on May 2 at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant, was a resounding success. We had a sold-out crowd of over 175 people featuring presentations by Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and Frank E. Sanchis III, Director of U.S. Programs for the World Monuments Fund. Joachim Perez, Executive Director of Dawntown, the group that administered the contest, revealed the winner and semi-finalists - along with their acknowledgment videos that proved to be as creative and fun as their entries. All told, we had 90 entries from all over the world. The five winners were from Lincoln, Nebraska (!), Copenhagen, Denmark, Coral Gables, Toronto, and Wroclaw, Poland. All 90 entries were displayed.

You can see a brief video of the Awards Ceremony.

our email list to anyone.

### Richard Nixon and Sammy Davis Jr. at The Marine Stadium



There were many memorable moments at the Marine Stadium, but perhaps the most famous was "The Hug", when Sammy Davis Jr. embraced President Richard Nixon at a campaign rally in 1972. We are very fortunate to have an insider's view of what happened by Stuart Blumberg. Click [here](#) to read it.

We expect to publish IF SEATS COULD TALK, our book on memories of the Marine Stadium next spring. If you have a story about your experiences at the Stadium, let us know-we can interview you by phone and write it up. Just hit the "return" button to this email and we'll get in touch with you.

# of stories submitted to IF SEATS COULD TALK .....122



City of Miami - Miami Marine Stadium Floating Stage Competition

To see a power point presentation of the winner and semi-finalists, click [here](#) (it will take several minutes to download this link).

Finally, you can view [all of the entries](#) to the contest.

The Floating Stage Design Contest was successful on so many levels. The 90 international entries generated comprehensive Press coverage (see below) and a renewed excitement about the Stadium.

The spirit of the contest was to inspire "ideas". Ultimately, the operator of the Stadium will make the final decision on the floating stage design. We're thrilled with the results.

### Articles and Press



The Miami Marine Stadium continues to attract attention and generate an amazing amount of press. There was a great interview with Jack Meyer, the original engineer of the Miami Marine Stadium in [Dwell Magazine Online](#). Click [here](#) to read how Jack figured out how to "make concrete fly".

[Wallpaper Magazine](#) recently launched a story on Miami's Urban Renaissance. One of the articles featured the Marine Stadium, which was described as [perhaps the second best building in Miami](#) (we disagree!).

The Floating Stage Design Contest generated plenty of press. Art and Architecture critic Beth Dunlop wrote a beautiful full page story in [The Miami Herald](#) capturing the essence of what we were trying to accomplish with the contest. The Floating Stage Design Contest



winners were picked up by many architecture and design publications and blogs both nationwide and worldwide, such as [Inhabitat](#) and [Architects and Artisans](#)

## Friends of Miami Marine Stadium Comes Of Age....

For the last 3 1/2 years, Friends of Miami Marine Stadium has operated under the administrative umbrella of Dade Heritage Trust, Miami-Dade County's foremost organization devoted to historic preservation. Recently, we have incorporated Friends of Miami Marine Stadium and applied to the IRS for 501(c)(3) designation as an independent, tax-exempt organization. We will also be forming our own Board of Directors.

This move reflects our evolution-and the increasing complexity of the task before us. Friends of Miami Marine Stadium started as a pure advocacy organization. Now, we must evolve into an organization that will not only guide the redevelopment of the Marine Stadium but also raise the funds to accomplish its revival and bring the Stadium back to our community.

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The photo below is courtesy of Magnum Marine. Magnum 27s were used by the police department of the City of Miami and helped safeguard President Richard Nixon's visits to Key Biscayne.



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