

January 19, 2009
Friends of Marine Stadium
c/o Dade Heritage Trust
190 SE 12th Terrace
Miami, FL 33131

To Whom It May Concern:

I emphatically support the restoration of Miami Marine Stadium. In my professional opinion, the Stadium can be considered one of the nation's most unique concert venues. Its natural, ergonomic presence makes it feel like a movie set or destination unto itself. It leaves the concertgoer with a lasting, transcendent experience, making the just witnessed performance intrinsically more memorable and holistic.

I have been a musician, producer, engineer and event promoter working in South Florida for 35 years. I have fortunately worked live and on recordings with diverse artists from Celia Cruz to Gladys Knight, and have engineered multiple recordings receiving Grammy nominations and awards. I've experienced the stadium as a spectator and presenter with performances by Gato Barbieri and others. My lasting impression of the overall quality and impact of the stadium with its unique environmental features such as its proximity to the waters of Biscayne Bay and magnificent Miami cityscape at sunset, is that it is literally unparalleled, and can only be compared to the world's great natural amphitheaters.

I am now working on a new series of events which would seem destined for a revitalized Miami Marine Stadium. Reef Fest is a world wide series of music and environmental festivals designed to inspire community awareness and educate citizens about global environmental effects on Coral Reef ecosystems. It is a partnership including regional non-profit community outreach and government organizations presenting concerts featuring internationally recognized musical artists who share these concerns. For those who ask "But what can one possibly do?", Reef Fest provides a simple answer: come listen to the music. To learn more about Reef Fest, please go to our website: www.reeffest.org. Ultimately, the stadium stands as a beacon for the marriage of art to environment. Is there any venue more appropriate for Reef Fest than Miami Marine Stadium?

Yours truly,

Richard Serotta
Executive Producer/ Reef Fest



REEFFEST.ORG