



# Friends of Marine Stadium Newsletter

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To: Miami Marines

A belated Happy New Year! We're looking forward to a terrific 2011.

## City of Miami Provides Funding For Marine Stadium Piling Study

### Dade Heritage Trust



Dade Heritage Trust is the umbrella organization for Friends of Marine Stadium. It is the foremost organization devoted to Historic Preservation in Miami Dade County. March 11-12, DHT will be sponsoring an International Conference on Mid-Century Architecture, which will include special events and tours. The Miami Marine Stadium will be prominently featured. Email [Dade Heritage Trust](mailto:info@dadeheritagetrust.org) to request more information or call 305-358-9572.

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In November of 2011, the City of Miami Commission unanimously approved \$175,000 as a match to the FIND Commission (Florida Inland Navigation District) Grant for an analysis, design and permit study of the seaside pilings and sea wall of the Marine Stadium. This important study is fundamental in fully determining the cost and scope of work required for restoring the pilings and seawall. Once this scope of work is completed, the City can re-apply for Find Commission funding for the actual reconstruction work.

## Floating Stage Design Contest



Friends of Marine Stadium is working with DawnTown, the Annual International Design Competition on a contest to design a Floating Stage for the Marine Stadium.

Co-sponsorship will be shared by DawnTown, Friends of Marine Stadium, the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the National Trust for

Historic Preservation.

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

### Memories of Miami Marine Stadium



Hannah Imberman

Headed up by Girl Scout Hannah Imberman, our project to document memories of Miami Marine Stadium continues. We've now collected over 90 stories! Click to read the marvelous recollection of [Frank Mercado-Valdes](#) who at age 22, produced the First Miss Black Collegiate America Pageant at the Marine Stadium in 1985. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful project just email your memory to [Hannah](#) or reply to this email and we would be happy to interview you and record your memory! We hope to publish the book next year.

# of Marine Stadium Memories received to date.....93

### Presentations on the Marine Stadium

Do you know of a group that may be interested in a presentation about the Marine Stadium?

In the last 1 1/2 years, we have given approximately 35 presentations about the

This "ideas" contest surely will generate a significant number of creative solutions, publicity and momentum for our effort. The last design contest administered by DawnTown was for a Seaplane Terminal on Watson Island. Of the 100 international entrants, the winner was a firm from South Korea.

We will provide you with more details about the Floating Stage Design Contest soon. You can also check the [Downtown](#) website shortly for details.

Our special thanks go to Frank Sanchis, III of the World Monuments Fund for this terrific idea.

### Remarkable Historic Video of Marine Stadium



The Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Archives has provided us with some truly amazing archival footage of the Marine Stadium. The silent video features a concert at the Marine Stadium, the ceremony honoring completion of construction, and Opening Night, December 23, 1963. Click [here](#) to see it. The link is 6 1/2 minutes in length and you will get a sense of what it was like to attend a concert-at night by boat-at the Marine Stadium.

We greatly appreciate the work of Rene Ramos, acting director of the Wolfson Archives and his staff for finding this footage and providing it to us.

### Press

The blog [Football In Miami And Beyond](#) provides up-to-date information on all things soccer in Miami and South Florida. Recently, the blog posted a story about placing a temporary floating soccer field in front of the Miami Marine Stadium. We don't know if this is fully feasible as the field would have to be easily moved and stored- but one already operates in Singapore. This particular story "went viral" and was posted on various soccer and sports blogs nationwide. Think of the possibilities the Stadium offers!

[Miami Today](#) featured an interview with Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado where the Mayor re-affirmed that the Marine Stadium is a key priority of his Administration for 2011. [WLPG Channel 10](#) (local ABC News affiliate) aired a television story about the Marine Stadium which featured interviews with Mayor Regalado and Don Worth of Friends of Marine Stadium.

[Metropolis Magazine](#), Online addition, also featured a story on the

Stadium to various organizations-Rotary Clubs, environmental groups, business groups, yacht clubs, sports and arts organizations, civic groups, architecture and preservation groups-you name it!

We have a power point presentation that lasts about 30 minutes (can be shorter or longer depending upon time constraints) and it is *always* well received!

Getting the word out and involving the community is very important to us! If you know of a group that might be interested in hearing and seeing a Marine Stadium presentation, please reply to this email.

progress of our initiative to restore the Stadium.

As always, there is more press in the pipeline.

### Conclusion

We've got a long way to go but our progress is steady.

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P.S. Enjoy this remarkable vintage photo of the Marine Stadium under construction. As our cause gains visibility, we are receiving more and more historical documentation of the Stadium.

