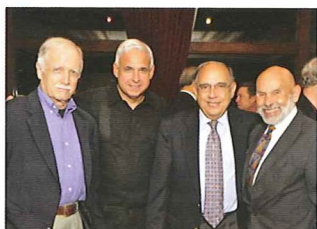


## International Winners Announced for Miami Marine Stadium Stage Design Competition



A recent competition to create a floating stage for the historic Miami Marine Stadium excited the international design community and local designers; It drew more than eighty entries from around the world.

The competition, presented by DawnTown, the American Institute of Architects in Miami, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was promoted worldwide. The awards ceremony in early May drew a large crowd from the local community to hear the winning designs announced.

A portable, navigational floating orb stage designed by Jiong Wu and Gengxin Ou of Abingo Wu Studio in Lincoln, Nebraska, was the winning entry. The Abingo Wu design, titled Miami Pearl, won the \$5000 top prize. Inflatable, a stage design by Eric Tan and Leon Lai of Pink Cloud. DK.Design Group in Copenhagen, Denmark, won second place and Igor Reyes of Coral Gables won third place for The Waterbox.

According to competition rules, the floating stage was required to be navigational so that it could be transported to other potential waterfront concert sites around Miami.

The long-derelect Miami Marine Stadium, designed by Hilario Candela, FAIA, in the early 1960s, is the subject of a major fundraising campaign for historic preservation, led by the Friends of the Miami Marine Stadium with assistance from the Dade Heritage Trust. The stadium, once the site of concerts, powerboat races and other events, was closed in 1993 after Hurricane Andrew heavily damaged the structure. Since then, other storms, vandals and time have further damaged the structure.

Photos: Tomas Regalado, Miami Mayor; Frank E. Sanchez III, director of U.S. Programs, World Monuments Fund; Hilario Candela, FAIA, architect of the Miami Marine Stadium; Lourdes Solera, AIA; Jorge Hernandez, AIA, and other officials of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and DawnTown celebrate the winners of the floating stage competition at a dinner in Miami.



## AIA Miami and Dade County Bar Association Host First Joint Meeting

Members of AIA Miami and the Dade County Bar Association attended a joint meeting in May and discussed a topic of interest to both groups, Building Blocks of Practice: Setting Up, Protecting and Enforcing Rights for an Architectural Practice. Members of both associations served as panelists, including Alan Aronson, Octavio Robles and Carly Hammond from the DCBA and Leonard Townsend, AIA, also an attorney. The joint meeting and reception were at the Coral Gables Museum.