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Celebrate Nature, Renewal & the Conservation Community

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APRIL 27:

Birdstock

Featuring Acoustic Anarchy • LEVI • Scott Katz & Co.

APRIL 28:

“Preserving our Precious Pine Rocklands” **Members Migration**

- *Roost with Folk storyteller Grant Livingston*
- *Keynote Environmental Advocacy Speech presented by Zoo Miami Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill*
 - *Conservation Hero Awards presented by MDC Mayor Daniella Levine Cava & Katy Sorenson*

MIAMI, Fla. — Tropical Audubon Society invites its members and friends to gather on the last weekend of April at its enchanting, 2.2-acre wooded campus for a celebration of Nature and Renewal. Every spring South Florida’s leading Birding and Conservation organization stages this two-day community party anchored by **Birdstock** and **Members Migration**. A Silent Auction bridges the Saturday and Sunday events.

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Birdstock | Saturday, April 27, Gates open @6:30 pm

A 3-pack of top-flight talents will headline the much-ballyhooed **Birdstock**, with opening act “LEVI” performing in English and Spanish, with the winner of a local singer-songwriter college competition sitting in. Troubadour Scott Katz and his pals will follow with soulful blend of R&B Rock. **Birdstock** will again be anchored by the one-and-only "ACOUSTIC ANARCHY," whose name says it all! Be sure to catch these gifted singer-songwriters as they jam for the Birds. This much-anticipated event serves as the finale to the society's 14th annual Conservation Concert series.

Food & Drink: Grab some fan-tabulous Mexican dished by Nacho Bizness Food Truck. Belly up to the RNDC Donation Bird Bar, featuring a bevy of bodacious brews and divine wines.

Door proceeds help fund stewardship of the Steinberg Nature Center grounds.
(*Special thanks to Acoustic Anarchy for underwriting/staging Birdstock's sound system!*)

DETAILS & PROTOCOLS

- \$10 minimum Donation p/p, children 12 and under FREE
- A limited # of picnic tables and folding chairs are available on a first-come basis

NO FUMAR: Our densely wooded campus is a strictly enforced SMOKE-FREE environment.

Parking: Limited free parking via our 55th Avenue auto gate and along 56th Avenue; Sunset Drive metered parking; nearby garage and valet parking options; Metrorail service to South Miami Station.

Tickets: <https://support.tropicalaudubon.org/a/birdstock2024>

“Preserving our Precious Pine Rocklands”

Members Migration | Sunday, April 28, 4-6 pm

Presented by **LEICA STORE MIAMI**

4-5pm, Music, Food, Silent Auction

Gather in the shady picnic grove to enjoy live music by Folk Artist Grant Livingston and savor complementary *Sports Grill* sliders and refreshing libations from the donation Bird Bar. Between bites duck inside the Historic Doc Thomas House to bid on an array of Silent Auction items.

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4:30-5pm, Bird Walk with Brian Rapoza

TAS Field Trip Coordinator Brian Rapoza will lead a Bird Walk through our 2.2-acre Steinberg Nature Center grounds. Expect to see Spring migrants darting among the Tropical Hardwood and Pine Rockland demonstration forests that comprise the sanctuary. A limited number of **LEICA** binoculars will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis.

5-6pm, Keynote Speech, Conservation Awards Presentation & Annual Meeting

Keynote Speaker Ron Magill, Zoo Communications and Media Relations Director and Zoo Miami/Nikon Ambassador USA, will talk about a subject close to his heart: "Preserving our Precious Pine Rocklands."

TAS President José Francisco Barros will host a Conservation Awards Ceremony recognizing outstanding environmental role models in their respective fields of endeavor — citizen volunteers and public servants who have dedicated themselves to protecting and preserving area wildlife, critical habitat and/or our region's natural resources.

Award recipients and their presenters will include:

- **Sandy Moise**, Polly Redford Citizen Conservation Award
 - Presented by TAS Senior Conservation Director Lauren Jonaitis
- **Sean McCrackine**, Dan Beard Government Conservation Award
 - Presented by MDC Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and Good Government Initiative President and CEO Katy Sorenson
- **Grant Livingston**, TAS Board Appreciation Award
 - Presented by TAS Education & Advocacy Director Stephanie Clements

ABOUT the Keynote Speaker:

Ron Magill has worked with wildlife for more than 40 years. He is the host of HITN's national wildlife documentary program, "Mundo Salvaje con Ron Magill." As Zoo Miami's "Goodwill Ambassador," he has made numerous television appearances on many programs, including, "National Geographic Explorer," the Discovery Networks, the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "The Late Show," "CBS' This Morning," "Dateline" and "CNN," as well as on Spanish networks Univision and Telemundo.

Ron is also a Nikon USA Ambassador, and has written and produced many wildlife articles and has taken award-winning photographs that have appeared in publications and galleries around the world. He has traveled extensively throughout Africa, Asia and Tropical America, developing and directing Emmy-Award winning documentaries focusing on the wildlife of those regions.

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In addition to Magill's roles at Zoo Miami and the Zoo Miami Foundation, he has worked with several children's charities with a special dedication to the Make-a-Wish Foundation where he helps to grant wishes for children facing life-threatening diseases. He also speaks frequently at schools and civic organizations throughout South Florida in hopes of inspiring area youth to follow their dreams while showing them the importance of protecting wildlife for generations to come.

Establishing the "Ron Magill Conservation Endowment" at the Zoo Miami Foundation is Ron's proudest professional accomplishment. It is the largest endowment of its kind at the foundation, and provides tens of thousands of dollars annually to wildlife conservation via annual scholarships as well as by supporting field conservation projects designed to protect wildlife in their natural habitats.

Members Migration is FREE to active TAS members!

Not a member? Join at tropicalaudubon.org, at the check-in table, or make a \$10 minimum CASH donation p/p for admission.

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Parking: Limited free parking via our 55th Avenue auto gate and along 56th Avenue; Sunset Drive metered parking; nearby garage and valet parking options; Metrorail service to South Miami Station.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. E-mail events@tropicalaudubon.org to inquire.

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