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# The Birds are Back! Conservation Concert Season Reboot

# Take Sixx returns to the Tropical Audubon Keystone Stage Saturday, January 29, 2022

**MIAMI, Fla.** — Finally! After a 22-month pandemic hiatus Tropical Audubon Society's Conservation Concert series will reboot on Saturday, January 29, with **Take Sixx** inaugurating the Birding organization's signature concert series for the twelfth year. Their volunteerism has set the tempo for other local bands to follow in their footsteps on the storied Doc Thomas House Keystone Stage.

It's with gratitude and heightened anticipation that Tropical Audubon Society will open its gates on Saturday, January 29, to members, friends and neighbors to welcome back Take Sixx — a band that deserves a Standing O!

Founding band members Dr. Steve Chavoustie (keyboards/harmonica), Harold Norman (drums) and Dr. Ron Sancetta (vocals) have since been joined by Janet Scarpatetti (vocals), Dr. Enrique Hernandez (bass guitar) and Aaron Whitman (lead guitar). Chavoustie observes, "We're stoked to return to Audubon, it's our favorite all-time venue, and we're really into supporting an organization that helps protect Biscayne Bay and the Everglades. I love the water, love to boat and fish, and glad that we can help protect our natural resources."

It was Chavoustie who planted the seed for Tropical Audubon's Conservation Concert series. While attending a private memorial service on the Steinberg Nature Center grounds in 2009, he noticed the property's large chickee was in dire need of repair and suggested, "Let's hold concerts here and raise the money for a new thatch!" Since the inaugural January 2010 concert, the chickee has been re-thatched twice and proceeds from the January 29, 2022, concert will help thatch a brand-new chickee structure, which replaces the hurricane-battered original that collapsed last winter.

The community can help raise the new chickee by turning out to enjoy Take Sixx's rich repertoire of classic and contemporary hits under the Tropical Audubon oaks. **See Page 2 for concert details** >

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Tropical Audubon Society is located at 5530 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL, 33143 Gates open at 7pm; music begins at 7:30pm; lights out at 10pm

**Food & Drink:** Taco Fresh Food Truck and the donation Bird Bar featuring craft brew and a bevy of international wines courtesy of Republic National Distributing Co. (Masks must be worn at the Bird Bar.)

#### **DETAILS & PROTOCOLS**

- Picnic tables available on a first-come basis.
- Attendees should be vaccinated and maintain social distancing protocols.
- Attendees will be asked to pack out their garbage; recycle containers will be provided for empty bottles and cans only.

**Tickets:** \$10 donation p/p, children 12 and under FREE

Purchase tickets here: https://support.tropicalaudubon.org/a/conservation-concert-featuring-take-sixx

Proceeds benefit capital improvements to the Steinberg Nature Center grounds and historic buildings.

**Parking:** Limited free parking via our 55th Avenue auto gate; free parking along 56th Avenue; metered parking on Sunset Drive; various garage and valet parking options within 1-3 blocks; Metrorail service to South Miami Station.

#### 2022 ConCon Schedule:

Saturday January 29, Take Sixx Saturday, February 26, Been there, Done That Saturday, March 26, Plan B April event TBA

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**MISSION:** "Conserve and restore natural South Florida ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats."

To host a private event on the Steinberg Nature Center campus, in the shady picnic grove, under the iconic chickee or in the historic Doc Thomas House, contact <a href="mailto:events@tropicalaudubon.org">events@tropicalaudubon.org</a>

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