

## **Sundial Quarterly Report**

**Quarterly Report April 1st - June 29th 2023**

### **Topics and Issues**

#### **Sundial Rundown 04.03 - 04.06.2023**

##### **Monday 04.03**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Cary Woodruff, the curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science. The museum is introducing new paleontology research. Cary is leading it and will join us in our studios as he prepares to travel around the world looking for fossils.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

##### **Tuesday 04.04**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Alexandra Vazquez. She is a writer and an associate professor at New York University. And she is one of the writers participating in the O, Miami poetry festival. She is a graduate of the New World School of the Arts high school in Miami. She is also the author of *The Florida Room* — in which she explores Miami's musical cultures.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

##### **Wednesday 04.05**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Loni Johnson. Johnson is an artist participating in the exhibit "Give Them Their Flowers" at the Little Haiti Cultural Center honoring Miami's queer Black history. The exhibit is open until April 23, 2023.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

##### **Thursday 04.06**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by award-winning Miami Herald reporter Nicholas Nehemas. He is moving on to work at the New York Times as a campaign reporter focusing on Gov. Ron DeSantis. He joins us to talk about his career in South Florida and what's next for him.

## LIVE IN-STUDIO

### Sundial Rundown 04.10 - 04.13.2023

#### Monday 04.10

**SEG A:** WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by actor Ruben Rabasa, who is in the new Antman movie. The Cuban-American has been acting for over 50 years—making appearances everywhere, from Miami Vice to a recent Netflix hit. He tells us why his career is taking off now in his 80s.

**SEG B:** WLRN's Caitie Muñoz is joined by Puerto Rican singer and songwriter Ileana Mercedes Cabra Joglar, who goes by the stage name iLe. She began her career as a teenager singing for the alternative hip-hop band Calle 13 with her brothers. She talks about her solo career and the inspiration behind her music like feminism and the politics of her homeland.

**SEG C:** WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by playwright Aurin Squire. His play *Defacing Michael Jackson* is a coming-of-age story that uses pop music to explore hero worship and belonging. The play is set in Opa-Locka in the 1980s and is loosely based on Aurin's childhood.

#### BEST-OF

#### Tuesday 04.11

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by actor and playwright Robby Ramos. His debut play *The Walls Have Ears* is showing at Westchester Cultural Arts Center. Ramos is best known for his portrayal of 'Diego Cottonmouth' on the Starz hit TV series *Heels*.

#### LIVE IN-STUDIO

#### Wednesday 04.12

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by author Sandra Cisneros. You might've heard of her novel *The House on Mango Street*. It's required reading for many students across the

country. She is in town to receive a literary award at Florida International University but will stop by Sundial first.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 04.13**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by conservationist and media producer Tori Linder. She is an impact producer on the film *Path of the Panther*. The film follows National Geographic Explorer and photographer Carlton Ward Jr. into the world of the Florida Panther. It will air on National Geographic and stream on Disney+ this spring.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Sundial Rundown 04.17 - 04.20.2023**

**Monday 04.17**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Leslie Gelrubin Benitah on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day to talk about her online project, *The Last Ones*. She travels around South Florida, and the world, interviewing some of the last living Holocaust survivors to educate younger generations.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Tuesday 04.18**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Darius Daughtry, a writer and educator, who founded the nonprofit Art Prevails Project, a performing and literary arts organization whose mission is to cultivate community by creating equitable access to arts programming and education. On April 22, the organization is hosting its first Festival of Words in Fort Lauderdale. He'll share some of his poetry with us on air.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 04.19**

**NO SUNDIAL / SCHOOL BOARD DAY**

**Thursday 04.20**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Anders Gyllenhaal and Beverly Gyllenhaal to discuss their new book *A Wing and a Prayer: The Race to Save Our Vanishing Birds*. The veteran

journalist couple traveled across the Americas tracing the path of birds that are vanishing and documenting the efforts to save them. They will be discussing their new book at Books & Books on Sunday, April 23.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

### **Sundial Rundown 04.24 - 04.27.2023**

#### **Monday 04.24**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Alberto Ibarгүйen, who is stepping down as president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation after almost two decades. He steered millions of dollars into art projects in South Florida that brought art into the hands of residents.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

#### **Tuesday 04.25**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by local award-winning poet Caridad Moro-Gronlier. She is presenting at multiple events for O, Miami's poetry festival. She'll be conjuring spirits with poetry and exploring how growing up in Miami shaped her work, which highlights life on the hyphen as a Cuban-American queer woman.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

#### **Wednesday 04.26**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by local poet Arsimmer McCoy, who is presenting at an upcoming event for O, Miami's poetry festival. We'll discuss her work centered around bridging Black and Indigenous communities in Everglades National Park.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

#### **Thursday 04.27**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Carlos "Beto" Ortiz, the creative director of Humans of the Kitchen. They talk about the digital platforms he created where he shares the stories of the back of the house of the hospitality industry.

**BEST-OF**

## **Sundial Rundown 05.01 - 05.04.2023**

### **Monday 05.01**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Armen Henderson, Founder of Dade County Street Response and an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Miami. Also, Emily Eachus a medicine student at UM. They are both leading the Miami Street Medicine clinic, which provides medical care and assistance to populations in our community that don't have access.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

### **Tuesday 05.02**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by journalists Ana Arana and Oz Woloshyn. They are the hosts and reporters behind the podcast *Silenced: The Radio Murders*, which is about the murders of local Creole radio journalists in Little Haiti in the early 1990s.

**LIVE – ZOOM**

### **Wednesday 05.03**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Suzy Batlle, the founder of Azucar Ice Cream. She'll tell us why she calls herself the "Queen of Cuban Ice Cream." Also, the story behind her ice cream shop and why she decided to leave her career in banking to start this business.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

### **Thursday 05.04**

Houston Cypress joins WLRN's Carlos Frías to talk about how plant medicine and translation from Miccosukee to English made him a poet. His work combines art and environmentalism with the Love the Everglades Movement. He's also an artist in residence at Oolite Arts.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

## **Sundial Rundown 05.08 - 05.11.2023**

### **Monday 05.08**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Nat Chediak, Grammy-award-winning producer and founder of the Miami Film Festival. He calls himself the black sheep of his household. Coming from a family of attorneys and doctors. Now, he's a global authority on film.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Tuesday 05.09**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Lucy Lopez. The writer, actor and former radio personality is one of the actors in the world premiere of the play *#GRACED* now showing at the Arsht Center. We'll talk about her impact on South Florida during her time as an iconic radio personality on Power 96 and the projects she's been working on since leaving radio.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 05.10**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Portia Lundy-Dunkley, who has made it her mission to spotlight Black composers and bring their music to the South Florida community. She's the founder of the New Canon Chamber Collective and Teeny Violini, a mobile music education program for preschools and afterschool programs.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 05.11**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Julia Longoria, the host and managing editor of the podcast *More Perfect* from WNYC. The series is about "how the Supreme Court got so supreme." She got her start in radio at her hometown public radio station, WLRN.

**LIVE – COMREX**

**Sundial Rundown 05.15 - 05.18.2023**

**Monday 05.15**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by author Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah. In his new novel, he imagines a not-too-distant future where people convicted of violent crimes can fight to the death for their freedom on pay-per-view TV. We talk about how he blends fiction and

facts to reveal the real horrors of our current criminal justice system.

**LIVE – ZOOM**

**Tuesday 05.16**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Marvin Tapia. He is a chairman of the Miami-Dade County Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board and a community representative working with multiple local organizations like Only In Dade, Viernes Culturales and The Salty Donut. He recently appeared in the Miami episode of the *Leguizamo Does America* show, where he shows the actor around Miami.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 05.17**

**NO SUNDIAL / SCHOOL BOARD**

**Thursday 05.18**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by local artist Melissa Gutierrez. She is behind the Westofchester illustrations that pay homage to iconic places in South Florida. She's currently working on a project titled "El Palacio de los Recuerdos" or "A palace of memories," where she collects people's favorite Miami memories and illustrates them.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Sundial Rundown 05.22 – 05.25.2023**

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**REPEAT DUE TO TECHNICAL ERROR**

**Tuesday 05.23**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Jason Katz, publisher of *Islandia Journal*. He tells us about their latest issue, his

forthcoming exhibit with HistoryMiami called “Mythic Creatures,” and his consultant work on the film adaptation of the novel *Swamplandia!*

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 05.24**

WLRN’s Carlos Frías is joined by dancer and choreographer Marshall Davis Jr. His show “Revelations in Rhythm” is this weekend and explores how American tap dance channels sacred traditions and African rhythms.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 05.25**

WLRN’s Carlos Frías is joined by his “buddy” and successor, Connie Ogle. She’s now the food editor at the Miami Herald. They’ll talk about the Miami spots that were recognized in the newly released 2023 Michelin Guide, including a Sundial favorite — [Rosie’s](#).

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Sundial Rundown 05.29 – 06.02.2023**

**All Sundial Segments are subject to change**

**Monday 05.29**

WLRN’s Carlos Frías is joined by Precious Symonette. She is a former Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year and founder of the Viking Freedom Writers at Miami Norland High, where she gets her students to write their way to confidence. She tells us why the vocations of writer and educator go hand-in-hand.

**PRE-RECORDED SHOW**

**Tuesday 05.30**

WLRN’s Carlos Frías is joined by Alex Segura, author of the new Marvel novel *Araña and Spider-Man 2099: Dark Tomorrow*. They talk about how the Miami Heat and his childhood comic book store in Westchester still inspire him.

**LIVE – ZOOM**



**Wednesday 05.31**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Kunya Rowley. He's the founder and artistic director of Hued Songs, which is producing the third annual Juneteenth Experience at the Miami Beach Bandshell. Rowley grew up in South Florida with his Trinidadian grandmother and is a graduate of New World's opera program and the University of Florida.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 06.01**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Broward County teacher and TikTokker, Natalie Stuart. Stuart is the Broward teacher who went viral for using TikTok dances to inspire her third-graders. She goes by "Nattie Meets World."

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Sundial Rundown 06.05 – 06.08.2023****Monday 06.05**

We're re-airing one of our favorite conversations with [Alexandra T. Vazquez](#), recorded in April. Vazquez is the author of *The Florida Room* and a professor of performance studies at New York University. In her book, she traces South Florida's music history and its influences — and they all hang out together in the Florida room.

**BEST-OF**

**Tuesday 06.06**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by Marvin Dunn. He's a professor of psychology at Florida International University and the author of *Black Miami in the 20th Century*. Growing up, his parents didn't talk about Black history, so he wanted to fill in that gap. He's now one of the most important scholars of local Black history.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 06.07**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by the graffiti artist Atomik (Adam Vargas). He's the artist behind the animated oranges you see all around South Florida. He'll talk to us about how

his signature orange has become associated with South Florida and has evolved along with it.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 06.08**

WLRN's Carlos Frías is joined by two Silver Knight winners from Miami-Dade and Broward County: Brooke Simmons and Stephanie Balderas. They'll tell us about the projects that earned them Silver Knight awards and the inspiration behind them.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Sundial Rundown 06.12 – 06.15.2023**

**Monday 06.12**

We're joined by comedian Aida Rodriguez. She has stand-up specials on Netflix and HBO Max and she's bringing it home to Miami next week. She'll be at the Miami Improv for one night as part of her "Don't At Me" tour.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Tuesday 06.13**

The outgoing president and CEO of Oolite Arts joins us. Dennis Scholl is retiring after six years at Oolite to pursue his art and filmmaking full-time. He was previously the vice president for arts at the Knight Foundation.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 06.14**

Journalist Maria Elena Fernandez joins us to talk about her debut book, *And Don't F&%k It Up: An Oral History of RuPaul's Drag Race (The First Ten Years)*. We'll talk to her about her love of *RuPaul's Drag Race* and how growing up in Miami shaped her research and book.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 06.15**

We're joined by two playwrights participating in *Summer Shorts: Homegrown Edition*. It's a series of eight short plays with emerging Miami playwrights, hosted by the Arsht Center

and City Theater. We'll hear from Ariel Cipolla, who recently graduated from Florida International University, and poet and screenwriter Lolita Stewart-White.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

### **Sundial Rundown 06.19 – 06.22.2023**

#### **Monday 06.19**

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**HOLIDAY BEST-OF**

#### **Tuesday 06.20**

WLRN's breaking news editor Mike Majchrowicz sat down with author and LGBTQ advocate Chasten Buttigieg. He's on tour for his book called *I Have Something to Tell You* and made it a point to stop in Florida to talk to people here about it.

**PRE-RECORD AND LIVE SEGMENT IN-STUDIO**

#### **Wednesday 06.21**

**SCHOOL BOARD DAY / NO SHOW**

#### **Thursday 06.22**

We're joined by sociolinguist Phillip M. Carter. He's the Director of the Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment at Florida International University. His research focuses on language diversity and he's become an authority on the "Miami accent."

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

### **Sundial Rundown 06.26 – 06.29.2023**

#### **Monday 06.26**

Host Carlos Frías is joined by Miami-Dade College president Madeline Pumariega. She is the first woman president in the

college's history. Pumariega was once a student athlete at the Kendall Campus and now she leads one of the largest community colleges in the country.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Tuesday 06.27**

We're joined by Walshy Fire of the electronic group Major Lazer. The Jamaican-American music producer and MC grew up in South Florida and is the subject of a new PBS short documentary *Walshy Fire: Pulling Up*.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Wednesday 06.28**

We're joined by Rachel Silverstein. She is the executive director of the local nonprofit Miami Waterkeeper that tests water quality across South Florida. They just got a \$5 million grant from the Knight Foundation.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

**Thursday 06.29**

We're joined by Leila Cobo. She's the editor-in-chief of Billboard Latin and one of the biggest authorities in Latin music, both locally and around the world. Cobo was born and raised in Colombia and moved to Miami over 20 years ago to be the Miami Herald's pop music critic.

**LIVE IN-STUDIO**

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