Sounding Florida Program

December 20, 2020 (3-4 p.m.)

South Florida Science Center and Aquarium

Facilitator: Dan Godston

All ages. This program is included in general Science Center admission. To participate, just meet us in the backyard by the Cox Amphitheater by 3 p.m.

Hi folks,

Thanks for joining us for this Sounding Florida program, and thanks to the staff and volunteers at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium for helping to make this happen. Here are the several steps involved with this program:

- We begin at the Cox Amphitheater on the outdoor Science Trail. Before we go on the soundwalk, Dan will give you all a brief understanding of what a soundwalk is, and what else we'll be doing during the rest of the program.
- We go on a soundwalk along the Science Trail while using safe physical distancing (six or more feet between participants). Please put away any devices (phones, tablets), and don't talk or while you are on the soundwalk. Pay attention to different aspects of soundscapes you might experience while on our soundwalk—such as the sounds of the biophony (e.g. birdsong, sounds of insects, wind moving through the trees) and anthropophony (e.g. sounds of other Science Center attendees playing miniature golf or musical instruments along the Science Trail or playing miniature golf; distant traffic din; deep hum of the Science Center's HVAC in action; sound of airplanes or helicopters; almost inaudible whoosh of the Foucault pendulum; sounds that your bodies make (e.g. the sound of your feet crunching along a path, your own breathing); and so on.
- We return to the Cox Amphitheater, where we talk about what we experienced while on our soundwalk.
- Participants receive art kits provided by the Science Center, and we create soundwalkinspired haiku and mixed media pieces.

Today's program is part of Sounding Florida, a statewide celebration of Florida's soundscapes, on the day before and of Winter Solstice (December 20 & 21, 2020) — with soundwalks, performances, shared field recordings and more. Visit www.borderbend.org/sounding-florida to find out more about Sounding Florida.