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**The Cintas Foundation Announces
Winner for the
2008 Fellowship in Creative Writing**

Miami, Fla. (May 21, 2008) - The Board of Directors of the Cintas Foundation is pleased to announce **Adrian Castro** is the winner of the 2008 Cintas Foundation Fellowship in Creative Writing.

The 2008 jury for this prestigious award included **Oscar Hijuelos**, Pulitzer-Prize winning novelist and Cintas fellow; **Cristina García**, novelist, Cintas and Guggenheim fellow; and **Lillian Manzor**, professor of literature at the University of Miami.

The award carries a \$15,000 cash prize, which is used by the winner to further his or her creative development. The Cintas Foundation Fellowship Program has honored more than 300 artists including playwright María Irene Fornés and poet and essayist Lourdes Blanco.

Established in 1963, the Cintas Foundation awards fellowships annually to creative artists of Cuban lineage who live outside of Cuba. The foundation was established with funds from the estate of Oscar B. Cintas (1887-1957), a former Cuban ambassador to the United States, prominent industrialist and patron of the arts.

The Selection Program is administered by The Frost Art Museum at Florida International University and the Cintas Foundation.

For more information about the Cintas Foundation and past fellows and about The Frost Art Museum at FIU, please visit the websites, www.cintasfoundation.org and www.frostartmuseum.org or call 305-348-2890.

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