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The Cintas Foundation Announces Winner for the 2008 Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition

Miami, Fla. (May 21, 2008) - The Board of Directors of the Cintas Foundation is pleased to announce **Armando Bayolo** as the winner of the 2008 Cintas Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition.

The 2008 jury for this prestigious award included **Fred Lerdahl**, professor of musical composition at Columbia University in New York; **Eduardo Matauret**, chairman, conductor and music director of the Miami Symphony Orchestra; and **Ned Sublette**, renowned composer and musician.

“We had a very competitive field of applicants this year,” said Cintas Foundation President Hortensia Sampedro. “The jury did an admirable job of selecting the fellow from a highly talented pool of candidates who represented a variety of styles.”

Brandon Fradd, managing director of Apollo Medical Partners, generously funded the endowment for the fellowship in music composition, which is now an annual fellowship. Since 1963, the Cintas Foundation has awarded more than 300 fellowships to artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba.

The award has been granted to many artists who have gone on to play an influential role in the development of their disciplines. Past music fellows include **Sergio Barroso**, **Mario Bauza** (known as the father of AfroCuban jazz), **José Bernardo**, **Aldo Rafael Forte**, **Julián Orbón**, **Tania León** and **Orlando Jacinto García**.

The Selection Program is administered by the Cintas Foundation Board and the Cintas Fellows Program at The Patricia & Philip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University.

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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