



MDC Museum of Art + Design and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2016-17 CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition Finalists

Winner's musical composition to be premiered by the Miami Symphony Orchestra led by Maestro Eduardo Marturet.

Miami, August 31, 2016 – Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design and the CINTAS Foundation announce this year's finalists for the CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition Competition. A reception and awards presentation will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the college's iconic Freedom Tower. The reception will commence at 6pm and award announcements will begin promptly at 7pm. The event will be simulcast on Miami Dade College's Livestreaming page.

CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition Finalists: Fabian Almazan, Waldo Diaz-Miranda, Odaline de la Martinez, Felipe Julio Roloff, Amed Torrecilla, David Virelles Gonzalez

The jury: Howard Herring, President and Chief Executive Officer, New World Symphony; Louis Karchin, Professor of Music, New York University; Gustavo Matamoros, Composer/Founder Subtropics

CINTAS President Hortensia Sampedro announced that for the first time in the history of the fellowship, the winner will have the opportunity to have a musical composition, if suitable for orchestra, premiered by the Miami Symphony Orchestra (MISO) led by Maestro Eduardo Marturet, in memory of MISO founder, the late Maestro Manuel Ochoa, at the Adrienne Arsht Center.

"The Miami Symphony Orchestra is honored to be part of this prestigious music competition by programming the winner's music during our 2016-2017 concert season," said Eduardo Marturet, MISO Music Director and Conductor.

The competition, marking its 53rd year, is awarded for creative accomplishment in the field of music composition. The broad representation of music by CINTAS Fellows may be viewed at [CINTAS Fellows in Music](http://www.cintasfoundation.org) at the CINTAS Foundation website, www.cintasfoundation.org.

The Fellowship includes a \$10,000 award to carry out the composer's project as submitted. The blue-ribbon jury is comprised of national and international jurors of standing. This year, the winner's composition, if suitable for orchestra, will be eligible to be premiered by the Miami Symphony Orchestra. The corresponding experience and exposure of such a prestigious performance represents a highly enriched award to the winner.

About the CINTAS Fellowship Program

The CINTAS Fellowship Program encourages creative development in architecture, literature, music composition and the visual arts. The Foundation was established with funds from the estate of Oscar B.





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Cintas (1887-1957), former Cuban ambassador to the United States, a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. In June 2011, the CINTAS Foundation entered into an extended loan to MDC's Museum of Art + Design of the CINTAS Fellows Collection. It is comprised of nearly 300 pieces by artists of Cuban descent living outside Cuba who have received prestigious CINTAS Fellowships, awarded since 1963. www.cintasfoundation.org

About MISO

The Miami Symphony Orchestra (MISO), now in its historic 27th season, is Miami's hometown professional symphony and a valuable contributor to Miami's cultural fabric. With 80 professional musicians selected from around the world, MISO represents the exceptional talent and diversity that mirrors South Florida's international and multicultural richness. With national and world premieres becoming more common, MISO is a source of growing local pride and support.

Founded in 1989 by the late Manuel Ochoa, since 2006 the baton has been in the hands of Eduardo Marturet, a Venezuelan composer and conductor acclaimed across three continents.

Considered one of South Florida's major cultural organizations, MISO's energy and talent are significantly supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council.

www.themiso.org.

About MDC's Museum of Art + Design

MDC Museum of Art + Design is Miami Dade College's flagship institution dedicated to the presentation and exhibition of visual art and design, located within the historic MDC Freedom Tower in downtown Miami. With more than 13,000 square feet of exhibition space, the Museum of Art + Design presents year-round exhibitions and educational programs, and is known for its presentation of exhibitions by emerging artists, designers, as well as major figures in modern, post-modern and contemporary art. With a mission to promote the appreciation and understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement, original works of art, design, and related creative processes; the Museum provides residents and visitors access to unique cultural, historical, and educational exhibitions that enrich our community, while building and preserving its expansive permanent art collection. Available to the public five days a week, and as an admission FREE institution with a diversity of patrons and visitors, the MDC Museum of Art + Design is one of the largest and most accessible institutions in the South Florida area devoted to visual arts and design.

More information can be found on the Museum & Galleries website: www.mdcmoad.org

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