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MDC Museum of Art + Design and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2014-15 50th Jubilee Fellowship Competition in Visual Arts

Winners to be announced at Museum at MDC's National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower

Miami, June 23, 2014 – The **Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design** and the **CINTAS Foundation** have announced the ongoing **2014-15 50th Jubilee CINTAS Foundation Fellowship Competition in Visual Arts** coinciding with the exhibition ***Impact and Legacy: 50 Years of the CINTAS Foundation***. All submission materials must be received by August 1, 2014.

Marking its 50th year, the one-of-a-kind competition serves as a platform to promote and support visual artists, writers, architects and composers of Cuban descent from across the globe. ***Impact and Legacy*** celebrates 50 years of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, which is composed of works donated by the fellows in appreciation of the fellowship award. The Collection has grown to be one of the largest bodies of Cuban art outside of Cuba and continues to grow each year with each new fellow. The jubilee exhibition recognizes its founding patron, Oscar B. Cintas; the accomplishments of CINTAS Fellows and honors Jorge M. Perez and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for their many contributions as art patrons and civic supporters.

Since 1963, the CINTAS Foundation has awarded more than 185 fellowships in visual arts. In addition to supporting Cuban artists, many early in their careers, the CINTAS Foundation also maintains a growing collection of works by past awardees and other esteemed Cuban artists. Past Music Composition Visual Arts Fellows include Andrés Serrano (who has won awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation and the New York State Council on the Arts, and has been featured in countless solo and group shows in the United States and abroad), the late Carlos Alfonso (His work was represented in the Outside Cuba exhibition and the Cuba-USA: The First Generation traveling exhibition and he was the subject of several solo exhibitions in institutions such as the Miami Art Museum, the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in North Carolina, the Bass Museum of Art in Miami Beach and the Hal Bromm Gallery in New York), the late Félix González Torres (represented the USA in the 52nd Venice Biennale, solo exhibitions at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York, the Brooklyn Museum, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Museum in Progress in Vienna, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris), María Martínez Cañas (Her work was included in the Outside Cuba exhibition and the Cuba-USA: The First Generation traveling exhibition. Her pieces are in the collections of the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, the Center for Creative Photography in Arizona, the International Museum of Photography in Rochester, the Museum of Modern Art and the International Center of Photography in New York and the Centro Cultural Arte Contemporáneo in Mexico City) and Teresita Fernández (solo exhibitions at Castello di Rivoli in Italy, the Masataka Hayakawa Gallery in Japan, The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Deitch Projects in New York and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Miami, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts).

MDC Museum of Art + Design will host a variety of events to showcase the works of this year's finalists, including **the Visual Arts Finalists exhibition. The awards announcement for Visual Arts will be made on Friday, October 10, at MDC's Freedom Tower.**

"The winner will receive a \$10,000 award and the opportunity to complete the project outlined in his or her proposal," said CINTAS Foundation Board President, Hortensia E. Sampedro. **Competition details and all program requirements and application forms can be found at www.cintasfoundation.org/index.php/fellowships.**

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. CINTAS (1887-1957), the former Cuban ambassador to the United States, a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. In June of 2011, the CINTAS Foundation entered into an extended loan to MDC's Museum of Art + Design of the CINTAS Fellows Collection,

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 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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