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## Miami Dade College and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2013-14 Visual Arts Finalists

Miami, Sept. 25, 2013 – Miami Dade College (MDC), home of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, and the CINTAS Foundation have announced this year's visual arts finalists for the annual CINTAS Foundation Fellowship competition. The competition awards a \$10,000 fellowship for each winner in three categories: visual arts, music and creative writing.

The MDC Museum of Art + Design at the Freedom Tower will be showcasing the visual arts finalists' works from Oct. 10 through Dec. 15. The exhibition is free and open to the public, during gallery hours.

The CINTAS Board will decide upon this year's winners in all categories at its annual meeting on Oct. 10. The winners will then be announced at a special reception and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10, at MDC's Freedom Tower.

The 2013-14 CINTAS Fellowship visual arts finalists are:

### **VISUAL ARTS FINALISTS:**

Cristina Lei Rodriguez, Joseph Michael Lopez, Lourdes Perdomo, Marta Maria Perez Bravo, Olivia Ramos, Lissette Schaffler, Ruben Torres Llorca, Ivan Toth Depena, and Angela Valella.

**The jury:** Rina Carvajal, an independent curator and critic based in Miami, Tony Chirinos, MDC Professor of photography, Kim Levin, independent art critic and curator, Abigail McEwan, assistant professor of Latin American art history at the University of Maryland and Gabriela Rangel, director of Visual Arts and curator at the Americas Society.

### **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](http://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.mdcmod.org](http://www.mdcmod.org).

For more information about the CINTAS program at MDC Museum of Art + Design, please contact Jessica Brodsky at 305-237-7722, or [jbrodsky@mdc.edu](mailto:jbrodsky@mdc.edu).

**For more information about the exhibition, please call** MDC's Museum of Art + Design at 305-237-7700.

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