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## **MDC's Museum of Art and Design and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2018-19 Fellowship Competitions**

**Miami, Feb. 28, 2018** – The Museum of Art and Design (MOAD) at Miami Dade College (MDC), home of the CINTAS Fellows Collection and the CINTAS Foundation, announces the 2018-19 Fellowship Competitions: the CINTAS Foundation Award in Architecture & Design, the CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Award in Music Composition and the CINTAS Foundation Award in Visual Arts. The amount awarded for each discipline has been increased to \$20,000.

Now in its 56<sup>th</sup> year, the CINTAS competitions have recognized creative accomplishments by Cuban artists in the various artistic movements over the last five decades. It is unique in its depth and breadth and historic as well as artistic significance of a prolific and significant period in Cuban arts.

Applications are available at [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org) and will be accepted through June 1. Blue-ribbon juries are comprised of national and international jurors of standing. Winners are invited to become part of the CINTAS Fellows Collection through their artistic donations to the one-of-a-kind collection of Cuban art unique in its representation of the increasingly important works of said artists and creative movements since 1963. It is one of the largest bodies of Cuban art outside of Cuba.

### **About the CINTAS Fellowship Program**

The CINTAS Fellowship Program encourages creative development in architecture & design, creative writing, music composition and the visual arts. The CINTAS Foundation was established with funds from the estate of Oscar B. 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 who have received prestigious CINTAS Fellowships awarded since 1963. The Fellows range from Carmen Herrera to Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Maria Martinez-Cañas, Teresita Fernandez, Pulitzer Prize winner Oscar Hijuelos, multiple-Obie winner Maria Elena Fornes, architect Andres Duany, Latin Grammy finalist composer Tania Leon and many others. More information can be found at: [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org).

### **About the Museum of Art and Design at Miami Dade College**

The Museum of Art and 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 and 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 Museum of Art and Design, Miami Dade College 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 at [www.mdcmoad.org](http://www.mdcmoad.org)

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