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MDC Museum of Art + Design and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2017-2018 Fellowship Competitions

Miami, March 1, 2017 – Miami Dade College’s (MDC) Museum of Art + Design (MOA+D), home of the CINTAS Fellows Collection and the CINTAS Foundation, announce the 2017-2018 Fellowship Competitions:

**CINTAS Foundation Award in Architecture and Design
CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Award in Music Composition
CINTAS Knight Foundation Award in Visual Arts**

As the Competition broadens its scope, the amount awarded for each discipline has been increased to \$20,000. In addition, Architecture and Design has been expanded to include candidates in the fields of architectural design, interior design, urban design and urban planning.

Marking its 55th year, the prestigious competition has recognized creative accomplishments by Cuban artists of the diaspora 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 will be available as of April 1st and accepted through June 1st. 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 and 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 descent living outside Cuba 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

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



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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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