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CINTAS Foundation and MDC Museum of Art + Design Announce 2013 Fellowship Competition; Program Celebrates 50th Year

~ Finalists' Exhibition to be held at Museum located within MDC's National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower

Miami, May 20, 2013 – The **Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design** and the CINTAS Foundation have announced the **May 20th kickoff** of the **2013 CINTAS Foundation Fellowship Competition**. This year's competition is awarded in three categories: visual arts, creative writing, and music composition. All submission materials must be received by August 1, 2013.

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.

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 opening on Thursday, October 10, at MDC's Freedom Tower**.

"As we celebrate the CINTAS Foundation's Golden Jubilee year, we recognize the past Fellows, finalists, and applicants, and congratulate the Foundation for its long standing stewardship as a catalyst for excellence within each respective disciplines," said Jeremy M. Mikolajczak, executive director of the MDC's Museum & Galleries of Art + Design, where the CINTAS Fellows collection is permanently housed.

The CINTAS Fellowship program has honored some of the world's most talented Cuban artists outside Cuba. The winner of each category will receive a \$10,000 award and the opportunity to complete the project outlined in his or her proposal. Fellowships in visual Arts and music Composition are awarded annually. Fellowships in Architecture and Creative Writing are awarded in alternating years.

Competition details and all program requirements and application forms can be found at www.cintasfoundation.org.

Past winners include:

Visual Arts: Jillian Mayer (2012), Iván Abreu (2011), Gladys Triana, Guillermo Calzadilla, Félix González-Torres, Carlos Alfonzo, Teresita Fernández, Anthony Goicolea, Ernesto Oroza, photographers Andrés Serrano and Maria Martínez-Cañas, sculptor María Elena González, and filmmaker Mari Rodríguez-Ichaso.

Music Composition: Ailem Carvajal (2012), Jorge Martín (2011), Tania León, Sergio Barroso, Armando Bayolo, Mario Bauzá (known as the father of Afro-Cuban jazz), José Bernardo, Aldo Rafael Forte, Julian Orbón, and Orlando Jacinto García.

Creative Writing: Ivan Acosta, Magaly Alabau, Reinaldo Arenas, Antonio Benitez-Rojo, Obie awards winner Maria Irene Fornes, Cristina Garcia, Lourdes Gil, Pulitzer Prize winner Oscar Hijuelos, and Achy Obejas.

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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