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## **CINTAS Foundation and MDC Museum of Art + Design Announce 2016-17 CINTAS-Knight Fellowship Competition in Visual Arts**

*The winner will be announced at the Finalists Exhibition opening Saturday, Oct. 8, at MDC's National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower.*

**Miami, April 1, 2016 – Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design (MOA+D) and CINTAS Foundation announce the opening of the 2016-17 CINTAS-Knight Foundation Fellowship in Visual Arts.**

“We are most appreciative of the Knight Foundation’s on-going grant for the Visual Arts,” said CINTAS Foundation Board President Hortensia E. Sampedro. “Their vision in supporting CINTAS Fellows allows for the continued evolution of this unique fellowship.”

The competition, marking its 53<sup>rd</sup> year, is open to painting, sculpture, installation art, photography, video and the media arts. The Fellowship includes a \$15,000 award to carry out the artist’s project as submitted. The blue-ribbon jury is comprised of national and international jurors of standing. Competitors are eligible to participate in the Finalists Exhibition at MDC’s National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower.

“The CINTAS Foundation helps foster the next generation by providing recognition and funding to artists at a critical time in their professional development,” said Victoria Rogers, vice president of arts for Knight Foundation.

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.

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 also one of the largest bodies of Cuban art outside of Cuba.

For the CINTAS Jubilee, MDC Museum of Art + Design presented the large-scale exhibition *IMPACT & LEGACY: 50 years of the CINTAS Foundation*, an unprecedented event comprising over 126 artists from all eras and movements since 1963.

**All submission materials must be received by Friday, July 1, 2016. Competition details, program requirements and application forms can be found at [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org).**

### **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 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 the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**



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

**For more information about the CINTAS program at MDC Museum of Art + Design, please contact** Laurie Escobar, CINTAS Administrator, at 305-237-7700, or by email at [lescobar@mdc.edu](mailto:lescobar@mdc.edu).

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