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## **Cintas Foundation Program at FIU Frost Art Museum Announces 2010 Competition for Coveted Visual Arts Fellowship**

**Miami, (Dec. 1, 2009)** The Cintas Foundation and The Frost Art Museum at Florida International University (FIU) announced today the start of the annual competition for the 2010 Cintas Foundation Fellowship in the Visual Arts administered by the Foundation and the Cintas Fellowship Program at The Frost.

The only one of its kind in the nation, the program has honored some of the world's most talented Cuban artists. Past visual arts fellows include Carlos Alfonzo, Teresita Fernandez, Anthony Goicolea, Ernesto Oroza, photographers Andres Serrano and Maria Martinez-Canas, sculptor Maria Elena Gonzalez and filmmaker Mari Rodriguez-Ichaso. Last year, the award went to Gladys Triana. The Cintas Foundation awards fellowships annually to creative artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba.

"For more than 40 years, the Cintas Foundation has helped great artists pursue their craft and share it with the world. We are proud to continue that tradition," said Hortensia E. Sampedro, president of the Cintas Foundation.

Applicants must submit original images or film projects by Jan. 30, 2010. Competition details are posted on the Cintas Foundation web site at [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org). Cintas fellows are awarded \$10,000 and the opportunity to pursue an art project outlined in their applications. Since it was established in 1963, the Cintas Fellowship Program has honored more than 300 artists. FIU and the Cintas Foundation Board have been administering the awards program since 2005. Winners will be announced in May 2010.

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Application forms and competition requirements are available online at [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org).

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### **About the Frost Art Museum – Florida International University**

The Frost Art Museum opened its current 46,000 square-foot state of the art building in November, 2008. Over **25,000** people have visited The Museum in its new building since its opening in November, 2008. Admission to The Museum is always free. The Frost is an AAM accredited museum and Smithsonian affiliate and is located at 10975 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St across from the Blue garage and adjacent to the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon – 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays and most legal holidays. For more information, please visit [thefrost.fiu.edu](http://thefrost.fiu.edu) or call 305-348-2890. Find The Frost Art Museum on Twitter ([twitter.com/frostartmuseum](https://twitter.com/frostartmuseum)) and Facebook ([facebook.com](https://facebook.com))

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