Miami Dade College’s Museum of Art + Design Presents its “Fantastical” Exhibition, A Poetic Reality: Magical Realism of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, June 7

Miami, May 16, 2013 – The Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design will present A Poetic Reality: Magical Realism of the CINTAS Fellows Collection. Stewards of the collection since 2011, the Museum is located within the College’s historic Freedom Tower. A Poetic Reality opens Friday, June 7th with a public reception at 6 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display through Sept. 21, Wednesday to Sunday, from noon to 5 pm. It is free and open to the public.

Featuring artworks by 10 artists, including José Mijares and Ernesto de la Vega Pujol, and compositions by CINTAS music composition fellows Tania Leon and Orlando Jacinto Garcia, the exhibition explores the theoretical structure of Magical Realism; a mid-20th century Latin American literary movement. Curated by the MDC Museum of Art + Design Curatorial Intern – Natalie Fulgencio Perez, the exhibition explores concepts of race, religion and culture through the use of fantastical elements in everyday situations. The exhibition and artists selected are not concerned with taking a political or social position but, through the arrangement of forms; redefine the ordinary with extraordinary creating elements that allow a variety of arguments to surface.

“The depth and magnitude of artists and artworks within the prestigious CINTAS Foundation Fellows Collection continues to exemplify the contributions and impact that artists of Cuban descent have made over the past 50 years,” said Jeremy Mikolajczak, executive director of the MDC Museum & Galleries of Art + Design. He added: “The continuous rotations and exhibitions further the interpretation and reinterpretation of the collection, engaging audiences in new ways of seeing and experiencing the strength and verisimilitude of the work by the CINTAS Fellows.”

A Poetic Reality: Magical Realism of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, as well as the Museum’s summer exhibition series, is presented with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.

WHAT: A Poetic Reality: Magical Realism of the CINTAS Fellows Collection

WHEN: Friday, June 7 – Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

WHERE: MDC Museum of Art + Design
The Freedom Tower at MDC
600 Biscayne Blvd.

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 & Galleries of Art + Design

The MDC Museum & Galleries of Art + Design is a network of venues and initiatives at the College's campuses located throughout South Florida, including MDC's flagship exhibition venue, the MDC Museum of Art + Design, housed at the historic Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College in downtown Miami. MDC's Museum & Galleries of Art + Design has more than 15,000 running feet of exhibition space in its network of galleries and public art spaces, making it one of the largest and most diverse institutions in the country devoted to the visual arts.

The MDC Museum & Galleries of Art + Design utilizes its gallery spaces, its art in public spaces, its staff and visual resources (exhibition and permanent collections), as well as the expertise and artistic talents of faculty and students at MDC, to provide year-long programming of activities that offer a unique learning experience through direct contact with the visual arts. Art, concerts, lectures, film, video and much more are part of its network of art spaces, with events that are free and open to the public.

Specific gallery locations and hours can be found on the Museum & Galleries website: www.mdcmoad.org

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