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Miami Dade College and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2014 - 2015 Visual Arts Finalists

Miami, Sep 15, 2014 – **Miami Dade College's (MDC) Museum of Art + Design**, home of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, and the CINTAS Foundation announced this year's finalists for the annual CINTAS Foundation Fellowship competition in the Visual arts. The exhibition will open at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, with a special reception at the college's iconic Freedom Tower. Initial jury deliberations took place on August 27, and the final results of the competition will be reviewed by the CINTAS Foundation Board of Directors on October 10, prior to announcement of the winners at the reception.

The MDC Museum of Art + Design at the Freedom Tower will be showcasing the visual arts finalists' works through Nov. 9. The exhibition, which features works by each of the 10 visual arts finalists, is free and open to the public, during gallery hours (Wed. – Sun., noon to 5 p.m.).

The 2014-2015 CINTAS Fellowship in Visual Arts finalists are:

Juan Carlos Alom, Ray Azcuy, Ivan Cañas, Lisa Danker, Ivan Depeña, Becky Franco, Coco Fusco, Lourdes Perdomo, Lisette Poole and Carlos Rigau.

The jury: Cheryl Brutvan, Director of Cultural Affairs and Curator of Contemporary Art at Norton Museum of Art; C. Ondine Chavoya, Professor of Art History and chair of Latina/o studies at Williams College and author of numerous texts on Chicano avant-garde art; Elizabeth Ferrer, an independent curator; Ralph Provisero, artist and professor; Mark Scala, chief curator at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville, Tennessee.

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 the community, while building and preserving its expansive permanent art collection. Available to the public

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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.

For more information about the CINTAS program at MDC Museum of Art + Design, please contact Jessica Brodsky at 305-237-7722, or jbrodsky@mdc.edu.

For more information about the exhibition, please call MDC's Museum of Art + Design at 305-237-7700 or visit www.mdcmoad.org.

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