



Celebrating 60th Anniversary of the CINTAS Foundation and Announcing New Fellowship in Photography

Miami, January 2023 – The CINTAS Foundation begins celebrating its 60th anniversary by announcing the opening of this year’s fellowship competition along with the inception of its first fellowship dedicated exclusively to the art of photography. It is named in honor of Sondra Gilman González-Falla and generously funded by her family.

About the CINTAS Fellowship Program

The CINTAS Fellowship Program supports artists of Cuban origin and descent in architecture & design, creative writing, music composition and the visual arts. The CINTAS Foundation was established with funds from the estate of Oscar B. Cintas (1887-1957), former Cuban ambassador to the United States, prominent industrialist, and patron of the arts.

The Fellowship, marking its 61st year, includes a \$20,000 grant. Finalists are selected by blue ribbon juries, comprised of jurors of national and international standing. [Guidelines and applications](#) for all disciplines can be found on the foundation’s website.

The prestigious competition has recognized creative accomplishments by Cuban artists in the various artistic categories over the last six decades. The [Fellows](#) range from Carmen Herrera to Félix González-Torres, María Martínez-Cañas, Teresita Fernández, Pulitzer Prize winner Oscar Hijuelos, multiple-Obie winner María Elena Fornes, architect Andrés Duany, Latin Grammy finalist composer Tania León, and many others.

About Sondra Gilman González-Falla

Sondra Gilman held a variety of leadership positions. At the Whitney Museum of American Art, she was Chairman of the Painting and Sculpture Committee, Vice President of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Photography Committee, and served on the Permanent

Collection Review, Building, and Facilities Committees. She played an instrumental role in bringing photography into the Whitney's collection leading the initiative to create a committee devoted to the acquisition of photographs. The position of curator of photography and the Museum's photography gallery were endowed by and named after her. She also started the Gilman Paper Company collection now hosted at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"From the Heart", "Shared Vision", "Beauty of Lines" shows, and books of her photography collection have traveled to many museums around the country and throughout Europe. She was honored at the 2012 Whitney Gala and named with her husband, Celso González-Falla, as owning one of the top ten finest photography collections in the world by Art News. The Aperture Foundation at its 60th Anniversary Gala gave tribute to Sondra and Celso for their contribution to Aperture's legacy.

Sondra's commitment to the arts extended to the theater world. She and her husband were honored with Theatreworks USA's Lee Salk "Good Works" Award, Musical Theatre Works' Annual Award for Distinguished Contributions to Musical Theatre and Urban Stages for their work in promoting and supporting musical theater. The Vivian Beaumont Theatre at Lincoln Center named its Patron Room after her.

Sondra was Chairman of the Board of the Sondra & Charles Gilman Jr. Foundation, Inc., Chairman of the Gilman and González-Falla Arts Foundation, President and Chairman of the Board, Gilman and González-Falla Theatre Foundation, Inc., and Chairman of the Board, Soncel Financial, Inc., a real estate development in southeastern Georgia.

About the CINTAS Fellows Collection

Fellows are invited to become part of the CINTAS Fellows Collection through their artistic donations to the one-of-a-kind ensemble of Cuban art. The CINTAS Fellows Collection is a unique representation of the increasingly important works of its artists and creative movements since 1963. It is extraordinary in its depth and breadth due to the artistic significance of a prolific and relevant historic period in the Cuban arts. It is comprised of more than 350 works by artists who have received prestigious CINTAS Fellowships. The CINTAS Fellows Collection is considered one of the largest bodies of Cuban art outside of Cuba.

For more information about CINTAS Foundation, grant application details, and the awards, please contact Laurie Escobar at info@cintasfoundation.org. Also, visit us at www.cintasfoundation.org, www.facebook.com/CintasFoundation, www.instagram.com/cintasfoundation/ or twitter.com/cintasfoundatio.