



## **Cintas Foundation announces 2006 Finalists**

Exhibition May 13 – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Awards Ceremony May 20th

**MIAMI, Fla. (April 20, 2006)**- The Board of Directors of the Cintas Foundation is pleased to announce the six finalists for the *2006 Cintas Foundation Emilio Sánchez Award in Visual Arts*: Margarita Benitez, Maria Magdalena Campos Pons, Anthony Goicolea, Maritza Molina, Glexis Novoa, and Ivan Toth Depeña.

A group exhibition of their work will be open to the public from May 13th through May 25th at the Buena Vista Building in the Design District, 180 NE 39th Street, Suite 120. On May 20th, the Cintas Foundation Board of Directors will announce the winner at an award ceremony and public reception at 7 pm at the same location. The Cintas Foundation awards ceremony alternates annually between New York and Miami.

The 2006 jury for this prestigious award included: Roni Feinstein, corresponding editor for “Art in America”; Cheryl Hartup, chief curator at the Museo de Arte de Ponce; Dr. Juan Martínez, professor and chair of the art history department at Florida International University, and Olga Viso, director of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D. C. “We are very pleased with the showing of this year’s applicants and are looking forward to a very exciting exhibition”, stated Cintas Foundation President Hortensia E. Sampedro, “The jury did an admirable job of selecting the finalists from many highly qualified candidates.”

The awards were established with funds from the estate of the late Oscar B. Cintas (b. Sagua La Grande, Cuba, 1887 – d. New York City, 1957) a prominent Cuban industrialist and patron of the arts. Since 1963, the Cintas Foundation has awarded more than 300 fellowships to artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba.

The award has been granted to many artists who have gone on to play an influential role in the development of their disciplines. Past recipients include Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Oscar Hijuelos, painter José Bedia, the late Félix González-Torres who will represent the United States at the next Venice Biennale, architect Andrés Martín Duany, installation artist Teresita Fernández, writer Cristina García, sculptor María Elena Gonzales, and composer Orlando García, among many others. The award carries a \$15,000 cash prize which is used by the winner to further his or her creative development.

The Selection Program is administered by the Cintas Foundation Board and the Cintas Fellows Program at The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University. The Cintas Foundation would like to thank the innovative Miami Beach real estate developer Craig Robins, DACRA and the Miami Design District for their support.

For more information about the Cintas Foundation and past fellows, please see [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org) [<http://www.cintasfoundation.org/>](http://www.cintasfoundation.org/) . For more information about the Frost Art Museum at FIU, please visit [www.frostartmuseum.org](http://www.frostartmuseum.org) [<http://www.frostartmuseum.org/>](http://www.frostartmuseum.org/) or call 305-348-2890.

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