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Miami Dade College and CINTAS Foundation Announce Start of 2011 – 2012 Music Fellowship Competition

Miami, July 8, 2011 – Miami Dade College (MDC) and the **CINTAS Foundation**, the new home of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, announce the start of the annual competition for the **2011 Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition** administered by the Foundation and the CINTAS Fellowship Program at MDC.

There will be a variety of events at MDC National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower in October highlighting the work of the CINTAS finalists in the three disciplines: music, visual art and creative writing. Hortensia E. Sampedro, president of the CINTAS Foundation, announced that the winner of this fellowship will be awarded \$10,000 and the opportunity to pursue a music composition project outlined in their applications. Winners will be announced in October/November 2011.

The only one of its kind in the nation, the CINTAS Fellowship Program has honored more than 300 artists since it was established in 1963. Past music fellows include Sergio Barroso, Armando Bayolo, Mario Bauza (known as the father of Afro-Cuban jazz), José Bernardo, Aldo Rafael Forte, Julián Orbon, Tania León and Orlando Jacinto Garcia. Last year's winner was Fabian Almazan, and Yalil Guerra was the runner up.

The CINTAS Foundation awards fellowships annually to creative artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba. **Competition details and all program requirements and application forms are posted on the CINTAS Foundation web site at www.cintasfoundation.org.** Applicants for the music fellowship must submit original musical compositions and recordings of their work by August 29, 2011.

About the CINTAS Foundation

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), former Cuban ambassador to the United States, a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. The **Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition**, established in 2006, was endowed by Brandon Fradd of New York City for the benefit of the winner of the music composition award. Fradd, a managing director of Apollo Medical Partners, earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Princeton University, a graduate degree from New College of Oxford University and graduated from Harvard Medical School. He grew up in Miami among Cuban friends from whom he learned Spanish and developed an interest in Cuban music. www.cintasfoundation.org

Miami Dade College

Miami Dade College has a long and rich history of involvement in the cultural arts, providing South Florida with a vast array of artistic and literary offerings including The Miami Book Fair International, the Florida Center for the Literary Arts, the Miami International Film Festival, the Cultura del Lobo performing arts series, the Cuban Cinema Series, the Prometeo Theatre, the Miami Leadership Roundtable

speakers' series, the Miami International Sculpture Park, a renowned art gallery system, several campus theaters, and the nationally recognized School of Entertainment and Design Technology. It is also the home of the National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower.

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