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Miami Dade College and the CINTAS Foundation Announce 2011 – 2012 Creative Writing Fellowship Competition

Miami, July 8, 2011 – Miami Dade College (MDC) and the CINTAS Foundation announce the start of the annual competition for the **2011 CINTAS Foundation Fellowship in Creative Writing**, administered by the Foundation and the CINTAS Fellowship Program at MDC. MDC will host a variety of events in October at its National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower, which will showcase works by this year's finalists in the three disciplines: music, visual art and creative writing.

The CINTAS Foundation awards fellowships annually to creative artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba. Hortensia E. Sampedro, president of the CINTAS Foundation announced that the winner of the 2011 - 2012 Fellowship in Creative Writing will receive \$10,000 and the opportunity to pursue a creative writing project outlined in their application. Since it was established in 1963, the CINTAS Fellowship Program has honored more than 300 artists.

The only one of its kind in the nation, the program has honored some of the world's most talented Cuban artists. Past creative writing fellows include Ivan Acosta, Magaly Alabau, Reinaldo Arenas, Antonio Benitez-Rojo, Lourdes Blanco, Lourdes Casal, Adrian Castro, Silvia Curbelo, Uva de Aragon, multiple Obie Awards winner Maria Irene Fornes, Cristina Garcia, Lourdes Gil, Pulitzer Prize winner Oscar Hijuelos, Manuel Martin, Pablo Medina, Carlos Alberto Montaner, Achy Obejas, Martha Padilla, Ricardo Pau Llosa, and Armando Valladares, among others.

Competition details and all program requirements and application forms are posted on the CINTAS Foundation web site at www.cintasfoundation.org. Applicants for the creative writing fellowship must submit original manuscripts 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. 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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