



## **CINTAS Foundation Announces Competition Finalists of the 2017-18 CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition**

**Miami, September 25, 2017** –The **CINTAS Foundation** announces this year's finalists for the CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition Competition. A reception and awards presentation will take place on Saturday, October 14th, 2017, at the Coral Gables Museum. The reception will commence at 6pm and award announcements will begin promptly at 7pm.

**CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition Finalists:** Fabian Almazan, Stephen Casellas, Flores Chaviano, Maureen Reyes Lavastida, Dafnis Prieto

The jury: Charles Mason, Arturo O'Farrill and Jacob Sudol

The competition, marking its 55<sup>th</sup> year, is awarded for creative accomplishment in the field of music composition and for the first time was open to composers currently living in Cuba. The broad representation of music by past CINTAS Fellows may be viewed at [CINTAS Fellows in Music](http://www.cintasfoundation.org) at the CINTAS Foundation website, [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org).

The Fellowship includes a \$20,000 award to carry out the composer's project as submitted. The blue-ribbon jury is comprised of national and international jurors of standing.

### **About the CINTAS Fellowship Program**

The CINTAS Fellowship Program encourages creative development 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, a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. In June 2011, the CINTAS Foundation entered into an extended loan to MDC's Museum of Art + Design of the CINTAS Fellows Collection. It is comprised of nearly 300 pieces by artists of Cuban descent who have received prestigious CINTAS Fellowships awarded since 1963. The Fellows range from Carmen Herrera to Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Maria Martinez-Cañas, Teresita Fernandez, Pulitzer Prize winner Oscar Hijuelos, multiple-Obie winner Maria Elena Fornes, architect Andres Duany, Latin Grammy finalist composer Tania Leon and many others. [www.cintasfoundation.org](http://www.cintasfoundation.org)

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