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CINTAS Foundation and MDC Museum of Art + Design Announce 2015-16 Fellowship Competition in Music Composition

Winners to be announced at Museum at MDC's National Historic Landmark Miami Freedom Tower

Miami, April 1, 2015 – The **Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design** and the **CINTAS Foundation** have announced the ongoing **2015-2016 CINTAS Foundation Brandon Fradd Award in Music Composition**.

All submission materials must be received by Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

Marking its 51st year, the one-of-a-kind competition serves as a platform to promote and support visual artists, writers, architects and composers of Cuban descent from across the globe. Aside from a monetary prize, CINTAS fellows also carry the prestige that accompanies such an award.

"CINTAS Fellows in Music Composition range from classical to contemporary, garnering many awards and recognition nationally and internationally, Music is a highly prolific discipline for Cubans and the result is seen in the widespread achievements of the fellows," said Hortensia Sampedro, President of CINTAS Foundation.

In addition to supporting Cuban composers, many early in their careers, the CINTAS Foundation also maintains a growing collection of works by past awardees and other esteemed Cuban artists.

Past Music Composition Fellows include:

Tania Leon is a highly regarded composer and conductor recognized for her accomplishments as an educator and advisor to arts organizations. She has been the subject of profiles in independent films as well as on ABC, CBS, CNN, PBS, Telemundo and Univision including their noted series "Orgullo Hispano," which celebrates living American Latinos whose contributions in society have been invaluable.

Ailem Carvajal holds a degree in composition from Cuba's Institute of Advanced Studies and a diploma in experimental composition from the A. Boito Music Conservatory in Parma, Italy. She was also awarded first prize at the 2004 International Competition for Women Composers in Venice.

Jorge Martín was a recipient of a 2005 fellowship from the Bogliasco Foundation in Genoa, Italy. He received first prize in the National Opera Association's Fifth Biennial Chamber Opera Competition in 1993 and an artist's residency at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs. He is also the recipient of an American Academy of Arts and Letters' Academy Award in Music and an ASCAP Standard Music Award.

Orlando Jacinto García has been awarded the Nuevas Resonancias and is the recipient of honors from institutions such as the American Composers Forum Sonic Circuits and the State of Florida Council of the Arts. He has also received several Rockefeller and Fulbright residencies and a fellowship from the Dutka Foundation.

Yosvany Terry studied music composition and orchestration at the Juilliard School and the New School for Music in New York. Terry has received commissions from the Ford Foundation, the Harlem Stage, the Jerome Foundation, the Map Fund, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Chamber Music America.

MDC Museum of Art + Design will host a variety of events to showcase the works of this year's finalists, including **the Visual Arts Finalists exhibition. The awards announcement for Music Composition will be made on Saturday, October 10, at MDC's Freedom Tower.**

The winner will receive a \$10,000 award and the opportunity to complete the project outlined in his or her proposal. Winners will be announced by CINTAS Foundation Board President Hortensia E. Sampedro.

Competition details and all program requirements and application forms can be found at www.cintasfoundation.org.

About the CINTAS Fellowship Program

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), the former Cuban ambassador to the United States, a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. In June of 2011, the CINTAS Foundation entered into an extended loan to MDC's Museum of Art + Design of the CINTAS Fellows Collection, comprised of nearly 300 pieces by artists of Cuban descent living outside Cuba who have received prestigious CINTAS Fellowships, awarded since 1963. www.cintasfoundation.org

About MDC's Museum of Art + Design

MDC Museum of Art + Design is Miami Dade College's flagship institution dedicated to the presentation and exhibition of visual art and design, located within the historic MDC Freedom Tower in downtown Miami. With more than 13,000 square feet of exhibition space, the Museum of Art + Design presents year-round exhibitions and educational programs, and is known for its presentation of exhibitions by emerging artists, designers, as well as major figures in modern, post-modern and contemporary art. With a mission to promote the appreciation and understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement, original works of art, design, and related creative processes; the Museum provides residents and visitors access to unique cultural, historical, and educational exhibitions that enrich our community, while building and preserving its expansive permanent art collection. Available to the public five days a week, and as an admission FREE institution with a diversity of patrons and visitors, the MDC Museum of Art + Design is one of the largest and most accessible institutions in the South Florida area devoted to visual arts and design.

More information can be found on the Museum & Galleries website: www.mdcmoad.org

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