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Cintas Foundation Announces 2007 Competition for the Emilio Sanchez Fellowship in the Visual Arts

Miami (November 7, 2006)- The Cintas Foundation is pleased to announce the competition for the ***Cintas Foundation Emilio Sanchez Fellowship in the Visual Arts*** which opens December 1, 2006. This is the third annual ***Cintas Foundation Emilio Sanchez Fellowship in the Visual Arts*** in a series of five. The first two fellows were Christian Curiel and Glexis Novoa. Applications accepted through **January 12, 2007**.

The Cintas Foundation invites applications in the visual arts including painting, sculpture, installation art, design, video art, photography and filmmaking. The fellowship is awarded annually in the amount of \$15,000 and is generously funded by the Emilio Sanchez Foundation. Eligibility is limited to artists of Cuban citizenship or direct descent (having a Cuban parent or grandparent) living outside of Cuba. The fellowship is awarded for creative accomplishment in the visual arts. The fellowship is not awarded for academic writing, study, or research or to performing artists. The Cintas fellow is free to pursue their artistic activities as they wish according to their application, in the United States or in other countries approved by the Cintas Foundation.

Since 1963, Cintas Fellowships have honored over 300 artists. Past visual arts fellows include **Carlos Alfonzo, Teresita Fernández, Anthony Goicolea**, photographers **Andres Serrano** and **María Martínez-Cañas**, sculptor **Maria Elena González**, filmmaker **Mari Rodríguez-Ichaso**, among others.

The Cintas Foundation was established with funds from the estate of Oscar B. Cintas (1887-1957), former Cuban ambassador to the United States and a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. Cintas Fellowships encourage creative development in architecture, literature, music composition, and the visual arts. The Cintas Fellowships program is administered by the Cintas Foundation Board and by the Cintas Fellowship Program of the Frost Art Museum of Florida International University.

The application deadline for the ***Cintas Foundation Emilio Sanchez Fellowship in the Visual Arts*** is **January 12, 2007**. For more information and application forms, please visit the website www.cintasfoundation.org or contact: Ingrid LaFleur Rogers, Cintas Fellows Program Manager and Selection Process Manager, at ingrid.rogers@fiu.edu.

