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MDC Museum of Art + Design and CINTAS Foundation Announce 2015-2016 Fellowship Finalists

Miami, September 22, 2015 – The **Miami Dade College (MDC) Museum of Art + Design** home of the **CINTAS Fellows Collection** and the **CINTAS Foundation** announce this year's finalists for the annual CINTAS Foundation Fellowship competition. A reception and awards presentation will take place on **Saturday October 10, 2015** at the college's iconic Freedom Tower. A reception will take place starting at 5 p.m. and award announcements will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

The MDC Museum of Art + Design at the Freedom Tower will be exhibiting the visual arts finalists' work through January 31, 2016. The exhibition, which features works by each of the six visual art finalists, is free and open to the public.

CINTAS Knight Foundation Fellowship in Visual Arts finalists: Harold Batista, Vanessa Diaz, Rafael Domenech, Florencio Gelabert, Antuan Rodriguez and Clara Varas.

The jury: Claire Breukel, Director and Chief Curator of Y.ES, Contemporary Art El Salvador and Curator of the Unscripted art program for the city of Bal Harbour; Juan Roselione-Valadez, Director, Rubell Family Collection; Jose Carlos Diaz, Curator of Exhibitions, Bass Museum of Art; Jeremy Mikolajczak, Executive Director and Chief Curator, MDC Museum of Art + Design

CINTAS Foundation Fellowship in Architecture finalists: Carlos Alberto Fleitas, Rolando Paniel Gonzalez Morales

The jury: Rene Gonzalez, AIA, Principal, Rene Gonzalez Architect; Koen Steemers, BSc BArch MPhil PhD RIBA ARB Professor of Sustainable Design, University of Cambridge, Jesus College (Professorial Fellow), Director of Studies (Jesus, Wolfson, St Edmund's and Selwyn Colleges); Benjamin Crawford, Senior Principal-Design at HOK

Cintas Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition finalists: Armando Bayolo, Ivette Herryman, Evelin Ramon, Carlos Rafael Rivera, Ileana Perez Velasquez

The jury: Barbara White, Professor, Department of Music, Princeton University; Samuel Adler, Composition faculty at the Juilliard School and professor emeritus at Eastman School of Music; Johnny L. Pherigo, Professor of Music at the University of Central Florida

CINTAS Foundation Fellowship in Creative Writing finalists: Carlos Aguilera, Armando Correa, Carlos Pintado

The jury: Richard Blanco, Poet and Writer; Enrique Fernandez, Writer and Editor; Jacqueline Loss, Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies at the University of Connecticut Affiliated faculty of El Instituto

WHAT: CINTAS Foundation Fellowship Awards Reception and Announcement

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WHEN: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Reception: 5 – 8 p.m.
Award Announcements: 7 p.m.
Free and open to the public

Exhibition on View:
Oct. 10 – Jan. 31, 2016

WHERE: MDC Museum of Art + Design
The Freedom Tower at MDC, 2ndFloor
600 Biscayne Blvd.

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 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 (MOAD) is Miami Dade College's flagship institution dedicated to the presentation and exhibition of visual art and design, housed at the National Historic Landmark Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College in Downtown Miami. The mission of the Museum is to promote the appreciation and understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement with original works of art from within the College's extensive permanent collection and temporary exhibitions. Furthermore, the Museum presents year-round lectures, symposiums and art related events to expose, educate and engage the greater public through related creative processes.

The MDC Museum of Art + Design provides its patrons and visitors access to unique cultural, historical and educational exhibitions that enrich the greater community while building and preserving an expansive permanent art collection, Freedom Tower archives, and newly established design collection.

For more information about the exhibition at MDC Museum of Art + Design, please contact the museum at 305-237-7710 or museum@mdc.edu

Additional information may be found on the museum website: www.mdcmoad.org

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