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BRANDON FRADD ENDOWS
CINTAS FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP
IN MUSIC COMPOSITION

Miami-(September, 2006) The Cintas Foundation www.cintasfoundation.org announced that it has received a gift of \$400,000 from Brandon Fradd, managing director of Apollo Medical Partners, to endow an annual fellowship in music composition.

“With this generous donation, Mr. Fradd has made it possible for the Cintas Foundation to give an annual fellowship to a Cuban composer and thus support the rich heritage of Cuban music for the enjoyment of all,” said Cintas Foundation President Hortensia E. Sampedro. The awards will be known as the *Cintas Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition*.

Mr. Fradd received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Princeton University, a graduate degree from the New College of Oxford University and a medical degree from Harvard Medical School. Mr. Fradd grew up in Miami among Cuban friends from whom he learned Spanish and through whom he developed an interest in Cuban music.

Part of Mr. Fradd’s gift will be used to fund archiving work for the music collection of the Cintas Foundation, Mrs. Sampedro indicated. “This ensures that information and records are maintained for posterity. This is a truly far sighted endowment and we are very grateful,” she said

The Cintas Foundation was established with funds from the estate of the late Oscar B. Cintas (b. Sagua La Grande, Cuba, 1887 – d. New York City, 1957), a prominent industrialist and patron of the arts. Since 1963, the Cintas Foundation has awarded more than 300 fellowships to artists of Cuban lineage who reside outside of Cuba. Past music fellows have included Sergio Barroso, Mario Bauza (known as the father of AfroCuban jazz), Jose Bernardo, Aldo Rafael Forte, Orlando Jacinto Garcia, Tania Leon and Julian Orbon, among many others.

The Cintas Foundation is headquartered in New York City at Dewey Ballantine, LLP 1301 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 3309, New York, NY 10019-6092. Further information on applying for the Cintas Foundation Brandon Fradd Fellowship in Music Composition may be found at the Cintas Foundation web site at www.cintasfoundation.org.

The Cintas Fellowship Program is administered by the Cintas Foundation Board and the Cintas Fellowship Program at The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University. For more information or images contact 305.348.3689 or Kaufmann@fiu.edu.

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