



## ArtesMiami Lydia Cabrera Award Luncheon Media Advisory

**What:** ArtesMiami will present the Lydia Cabrera Award to writer and journalist Carlos Alberto Montaner at a luncheon for 50 local leaders. This award recognizes someone who has contributed significantly to the cultural development and enlightenment of South Florida residents. It is named for the fabled Cuban writer Lydia Cabrera, author of more than 100 books on Afro-Cuban culture. Gloria Leal, former deputy editor of El Nuevo Herald and Luis de la Paz, cultural columnist of Diario Las Américas, received the award in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

ArtesMiami is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting artists and cultural organizations, with a special focus on Hispanic culture.

**When:** 12 Noon, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Where:** Ruth Chris Restaurant, 2320 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 • (305) 461-8360. Valet parking is available.

**Who:** Born in Havana, Cuba, Carlos Alberto Montaner is one of the Cuban-American community's most admired writers and journalists. He is the author of more than 25 books, including two bestselling novels: *La mujer del coronel* and *Otra vez adios*. PODER Magazine estimated that more than six million readers have access to his weekly column in El Nuevo Herald and many major newspapers. Montaner is an influential blogger and a political analysis for CNN in Spanish. A resident of both Madrid and Miami, he lectures in leading cities throughout the world.

Dr. Aida Levitan, President of ArtesMiami, will present the award to Montaner. Levitan is a nationally renowned marketing communications expert and a cultural leader. ArtesMiami sponsors are: Dr. Aida Levitan; the Aetna Foundation, Victoria London, the Knight Foundation, María Elena Toraño, the Rotary Club of Miami-Granada and other cultural philanthropists.

Wines from Bodegas Finca la Estacada will be served at the event.

**Cost:** \$100 per person. 50% of the contribution is tax deductible. Space is very limited.

**Reservations are essential: [info@artesmiami.org](mailto:info@artesmiami.org).**