



It's been ten years since *Taos Portraits* was released to great acclaim resulting in a sold-out print run. That first volume won top honors from the New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards (2013) in the categories of Best Art Book, Best Cover Design, and Best Book. It's in the permanent collection of many libraries and museums including: Bibliothèque Nationale de France; Contemporary Arts Museum Houston; International Center of Photography, New York NY; Book Club of California; and Library of Congress.

Taos is loved by people around the world. Books that capture and communicate the magic of this place are cherished—and *Taos Portraits* is one of those. *Taos Portraits* has offered a personal and compelling view into a lively and ever-evolving art scene. The stories accompanying the photographs have added depth of meaning to the images.

In creating Volume II, I'm aware of this dynamic more than ever. Volume II will continue as a literary endeavor and a book of fine art photography. With 60 new subjects, I will continue my tribute to Taos and those who create the mosaic of culture in this exceptional enclave in Northern New Mexico, which has been home to world-renowned artists since the late 19th century.

We're off to a good start on *Taos Portraits II*. Joining me is Kelly Pasholk as designer and production coordinator and Lynne Robinson as editor.

We hope you'll join us, too. Through your financial support, this project is possible.

We must raise the lion's share of the production costs. Please know that all contributions, large or small, will be meaningful to the realization of this exciting project.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

With warm regards,

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