

One Degree of Separation

Photographic Portraits by Todd R. Lockwood

One Degree of Separation is a collection of non-commissioned photographic portraits by Vermont artist, Todd R. Lockwood. The series captures interesting personalities Lockwood has encountered over the past forty years, many of whom are from Vermont. A studio photographer by training, Lockwood does not accept commissions to shoot portraits, but instead chooses his subjects with the goal of capturing what he calls *universal humanity*. Inclusion into the collection is by invitation, and Lockwood's criteria are simple: "*These are all people I know, and they are also people who have found their purpose in life. They have nothing to hide, only stories to tell.*"

Lockwood's portraits are shot in traditional black & white. His studio technique is an exercise in simplicity and technical virtuosity. His large exhibition prints bristle with detail, yet have an almost painterly quality. He shoots on film, then uses modern digital printing methods to achieve a sensation of hyper-reality. The series contains about thirty images, and new portraits are being added regularly.

About the Artist

Todd Lockwood began shooting portraits in 1965 in Lake Placid, New York. He studied professional photography at Rochester Institute of Technology (1969-1973) and later opened a studio in Denver, Colorado. His early portraits were inspired by Richard Avedon, Irving Penn and Yousuf Karsh. Lockwood moved to Vermont in 1977 and left his photography career to pursue other interests. In July 2007—thirty years later—he headed back into portraiture with newfound purpose. His extensive connections in Vermont's art, music and literary communities have given him a broad palette of subjects to work with. Lockwood owned White Crow Audio (1980-1995), a music recording studio serving such diverse artists as Phish and Odetta. Lockwood also founded The Brautigan Library for unpublished writing in Burlington. (1990)

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Jay Craven, Film Director/Screenwriter
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