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Remember *Me.*

When was the last time you had a beautiful photograph taken of yourself? Not a snapshot at the yearly Christmas get-together, but an image that's heavy with mood, steeped in the essence that is you alone?

Once, people had their portraits painted as a way to preserve their legacy. An artist took great care to make the experience very private and personal, so that through the paintbrush one might get a sense of having "met this person's soul", so to speak. Think of the Mona Lisa, shrouded in her serene mystique. Such paintings were displayed proudly, and passed on with reverence.

Photographer and artist Matthew Handelman follows the technique of great painters, with a photography session that's totally personal and unique. To Matthew, photographs are a way to collect and keep the many selves that we embody during the course of our lives. He's proud to present what he calls "Intimate Portraiture"- not just taking pictures, but a deeply moving experience that will bring out the hidden you that longs for self-expression.

Why would you want an intimate portrait of yourself? To celebrate how far you've come. To preserve the spirit of who you are today so it may be reflected upon tomorrow. *To be remembered.*

You are Beautiful.

Cosmetics and clothing can enhance our best features, but nothing is more beautiful than genuine emotion, expressed without reserve. Indulge in your own self-discovery!

Matthew's portraiture is not about glamour or forced poses. It's a time to relax and reconnect with yourself, and to let your true beauty shine from within. Humans are beautiful in all their shapes, sizes and colors. They're beautiful in their unabashed expression, and in their delicate vulnerability. They're beautiful in their stark truth.

Who goes to Matthew to have their intimate portraiture done? Men and women of all ages. People who have reached a milestone in their lives: graduates, professionals, retirees. The grown daughter seeking a meaningful anniversary gift for Mom and Dad. The engaged couple who wants something more personal than standard wedding album shots. The "survivor" who has recently overcome a tough challenge such as heartbreak or personal loss. Anyone who is celebrating a personal achievement. Anyone who feels like they're "in the prime of their life."

Look *Inside.*

Step into Matthew's professional studio, and become reacquainted with yourself. Matthew sets

the scene for a relaxing and revealing meeting. A man with a true passion for his work, he explains, "I want my photos to be felt and not used." And that is precisely what happens.

In a very natural and comfortable way, Matthew gently and gradually helps his clients 'face themselves' once again. It's not just an introduction, but an awakening. He invites them to talk openly about their hopes, dreams, life philosophy... where they've been, and where they're going. For many, a portrait session with Matthew proves to be something of a personal catharsis. And it's this emergence of pure self that makes his photographs truly breathtaking.

For Matthew, the greatest joy comes from helping someone see themselves in an unexpected way. When his subjects receive their finished photographs, they react with delight and astonishment. Astonishment, perhaps, at looking into the mirror of their emotional being. That moment when they finally take a look at *what's inside*.

Expose Yourself.

Who are you today? Who will you be tomorrow?

Exalt in the person you are, with an intimate portrait that preserves the now forever... and share the gift of your being with others.

Life is a journey of unexpected twists and turns... the birth and death of a thousand selves. Maybe you're a world traveler, on the road to inspiration and enlightenment. Perhaps you're the young, expectant mother: the picture of fertility and maternal beauty. Or possibly a well-established man, looking back on your accomplishments with pride. No matter who you are or where you come from, you *will* change. And when you do, all that will be left is a memory.

Your legacy is worth preserving. Your story is worth telling. Let it begin with a photograph of you.

To find out more about having an intimate portrait created for yourself, or as a gift to your loved ones, visit Matthew's website at www.singingshadow.com or write him at matthew@singingshadow.com.

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