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**“PEOPLE WORTH KNOWING” Exhibit Opens June 4
at Tai Sophia Institute’s Himmelfarb Gallery
Features Photographic Portraits by Columbia, Maryland Artist**

May 21, 2010 (LAUREL, MD) – **“People Worth Knowing,”** photographs by Columbia, Maryland, artist Stanley L. Rodbell, opens June 4, 2010, in the Himmelfarb Gallery at Tai Sophia Institute.

Rodbell has been taking photographs for over 50 years, and has traveled to every continent, taking the opportunity to photograph people he would not have seen in the United States and to photograph people who are memorable. In these environmental portraits, Rodbell presents his subjects in their surroundings in order to help us better understand people of different cultures.

“Taking memorable photographs of anonymous subjects is not easy,” said Rodbell. “A few master photographers have succeeded in this quest. Robert Frank, who documented the lives of every day Americans during a Guggenheim fellowship in the 1950s, reveals how remarkable otherwise unremarkable people can be when they are the subjects of a master photographer. He taught those who succeeded him that all people are ‘worth knowing.’ I hope these works will move you, as Frank’s work moved me.”

Artworks from the show will be on sale through The Meeting Point Bookstore, which is adjacent to the gallery. Visit the Himmelfarb Gallery online at www.tai.edu/Himmelfarb.aspx.

What: “People Worth Knowing”
Photographic Portraits by Stanley L. Rodbell
When: June 4 – August 28, 2010
Where: Himmelfarb Gallery, Tai Sophia Institute
7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Regular gallery hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Call 410-888-9048 for additional weekend hours.

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About the Artist

Stanley L. Rodbell has been a divorce mediator in Columbia, Maryland, for more than 25 years. During this time he has had the good fortune of meeting thousands of couples who were facing enormous challenges. This work sensitizes Rodbell to the struggles we all face – and this sensitivity extends to his portraits. Rodbell trained in photography at the Penland School of Crafts in Penland, North Carolina, and locally at Catonsville and Howard Community Colleges. He is the recipient of a first prize and an honorable mention in *The Baltimore Sun* for his photographs. He has exhibited extensively in Howard County, Maryland. His work also can be seen at his Web site <http://www.rodbellphoto.com>.

About Tai Sophia Institute

Tai Sophia Institute, a private, nonprofit organization based in Laurel, Maryland, is a leading center for wellness-based education, client care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1974, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing accredited graduate academic programs, continuing professional education, community wellness programs, and clinical services. The Institute's 12-acre main campus also houses a bookstore, a library, and herb and meditation gardens, all of which are open to the public.

About the Himmelfarb Gallery

The lobby of Tai Sophia's main campus building serves as the gallery space, which features four exhibitions each year. Each exhibition focuses on some aspect of healing, wellness, or nature. Launched in April 2003, the Himmelfarb Gallery has been home to paintings, drawings, prints, photography, fabric, and artist-made paper. It is a place where art and healing intersect.

The Himmelfarb Gallery honors the Helen M. and Annetta E. Himmelfarb Foundation for its gift of \$1 million to the Institute, the largest donation in Tai Sophia's history. The dedication and naming of the space took place on November 17, 2006.

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(Note to Journalists: Digital images are available by request.)