

# ERIC LAWTON

**Eric Lawton** is a fine art photographer, writer and visual artist who has traveled and photographed throughout the world.

Lawton's photographs have been widely exhibited in the United States and Europe, including Christie's in Beverly Hills, Bergamot Station Art Center in Santa Monica, the Louis Stern Gallery in West Hollywood, The Pacific Design Center, "Photo LA": the International Photographic Print Exposition and the Stockholm Art Exposition in Sweden.

His art is in numerous private, corporate and public collections including the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles, the International Museum of Photography, the New York Public Library and the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. In 2001 Lawton received a Certificate of Tribute from the City of Los Angeles for his body of work, presented by Mayor Richard Riordan at the opening of his solo exhibition, *Photographs from Earth*, which was on view for six months at Los Angeles City Hall.

Lawton's photographic assignments have included The White House, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Fortune* and *Conde Nast Traveler*. His works have been published worldwide, including *Communication Arts*, *Fortune*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *American Photo*, *Popular Photography*, *Sierra*, *Quick* (Germany), *Alitalia* (Italy), *Dukas Femina* (Switzerland), *U.S. Press WR* (Austria), *Gente* (Italy), *The World of Photography* (China) and *Le Nouvel Observateur* (France). His advertising clients include Citigroup, Motorola, Mazda, Princess Cruises, Prudential Investments, Merkley Newman Harty and Ammirati Puras Lintas.

His multimedia theatrical work has included projects as diverse as photographic montages with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at the Hollywood Bowl, improvisational visual performances with poet Phil Cousineau and The Doors' John Densmore, "Floating Stone": visual montages with the Hae Kyung Lee Dance Company at the Japan America Theater in Los Angeles and "Nishmat Tzedek, A Righteous Soul" at the Wadsworth Theater in Los Angeles.

His nonfiction stories have been published in anthologies. An excerpt from one of Lawton's writings was quoted by actress Susan Sarandon during the presentation of the 75th Annual Academy Awards in March 2003 (seen on television by an estimated one billion people worldwide).

His books of photographs include *The Soul of the World* (HarperCollins - third printing) and *The Soul Aflame* (Conari Press). In 2003, Lawton collaborated with Jewish leaders from around the country in creating *Nishmat Tzedek, A Righteous Soul*, a multi-dimensional book and musical composition featuring Lawton's photographs of Israel which were commissioned for this work.

Lawton served on the Cultural and Fine Arts Advisory Commission for the Los Angeles Olympic Arts Festival, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Advertising Photographers of America/Los Angeles. He is listed in Who's Who in America and is the recipient of numerous awards, including The International Photography ("Lucie") Awards, Advertising Photographers of America, *American Photo* and *Communication Arts*' Award of Excellence. His work may be viewed at his website, [www.ericlawtonphotography.com](http://www.ericlawtonphotography.com).