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TEN THOUSAND FACES OF SWEDEN

THE WORLD'S LARGEST INTERNATIONAL PHOTO PROJECT DEDICATED
TO THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF SWEDEN

The Soul of Ukraine International Charitable Foundation under the patronage of the Patriarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the Hero of Ukraine, Filaret, has launched an ambitious project in the field of contemporary photographic art, dedicated to the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Independence of Sweden in 2023.

Ten Thousand Faces of Sweden is a panel made of ten thousand portraits by one author.

In 2021-2023, an American photographer of Ukrainian origin, Dr. Sergey Melnikoff, a.k.a. MFF, will take 10,000 portraits of the Swedes who want their images to leave a mark in history. The Foundation offers a free world-class photo session for the Swedish residents.

The creative team has the task of helping the ordinary people to become “stars” in the studio of the most renowned photographer in the world. *The Faces of Sweden* will certainly include the portraits of the royal family and of the “Great voices of Sweden” – the ABBA quartet. For the photography grand master, whose advertising personality is the leader of the Buddhist world, the 14th Dalai Lama, the creation of a Swedish historical panel of 10 thousand portraits of the subjects of the Kingdom is the highest goal in the art of photography.

The photo artist is in search of beauty, which, in his opinion, lies in the eyes of his models. He considers the touching naturalness to be the highest achievement in portrait photography and tries to please the admirers of his work with photos full of extraordinary spirituality and empathy.

To take the portraits, the photographer will make the Artificial Intelligence, both in his studio and in the subsequent processing of the large arrays of the digital images for the *Ten Thousand Faces of Sweden* artwork.

Dr. Melnikoff is the pioneer of the use of Artificial Intelligence in portrait photography. The artist has implemented the idea of using Artificial Intelligence to make the first portrait photo of a living person by a supercomputer. The portrait of Academician Boris Paton created by Artificial Intelligence, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the legendary scientist, was titled “The Genius.” It has been recognized as a symbol of the photographic art of the 21st century.

The project organizers plan to exhibit a majestic artwork in the Riksdag (Swedish Parliament), the Royal Palace, and the Nobel Committee. They want to make *Ten Thousand Faces of Sweden* a national treasure of the Kingdom to express their gratitude for humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. It goes without saying that creating such a large-scale panel is a sure way to get into the *Guinness World Records* book. *Ten Thousand Faces of Sweden* will be a unique gift for the 500th anniversary of the independence of Sweden.

- To sign up for a complimentary photo session, please go to the website: <https://sverige500.eu>
- The Master's Portfolio: <https://soulofukraine.foundation/mff/en/art.pdf>

The list of cities in Sweden, where the photo studio will operate throughout 2021-2023:

- Alingsås
- Borlänge
- Borås
- Varberg
- Växjö
- Vänersborg
- Värnamo
- Västervik
- Västerås
- Göteborg
- Gävle
- Jönköping
- Kalmar
- Karlskrona
- Karlstad
- Karlshamn
- Katrineholm
- Kristianstad
- Kungälv
- Landskrona
- Lerum
- Lidingö
- Lidköping
- Linköping
- Luleå
- Lund
- Malmö
- Motala
- Norrtälje
- Norrköping
- Nyköping
- Piteå
- Sandviken
- Sigtuna
- Stockholm
- Strängnäs
- Sundsvall
- Södertälje
- Trelleborg
- Trollhättan
- Tumba
- Täby
- Uddevalla
- Umeå
- Upplands
- Väsby
- Uppsala
- Falköping
- Falkenberg
- Falun
- Halmstad
- Helsingborg
- Hässleholm
- Hudiksvall
- Skellefteå
- Skövde
- Ängelholm
- Örebro
- Örnköldsvik
- Eskilstuna
- Eslöv
- Östersund