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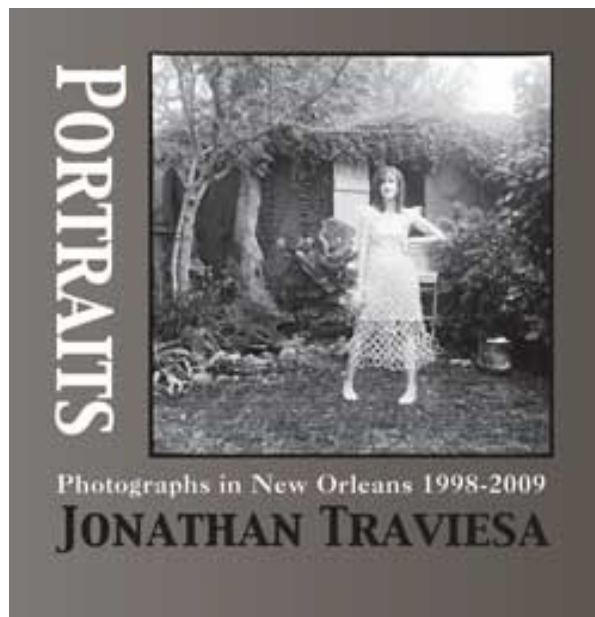**Photographer: Jonathan Traviesa**
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This collection of portraits by New Orleans photographer Jonathan Traviesa delivers compelling insights into the city and its inhabitants. Each portrait captures the New Orleans characters in a back yard, on the front porch, or in another intimate setting, with the collection as a whole painting a vivid portrait of the city itself and the many ways people choose to live in it.

PORTRAITS
Photographs in New Orleans 1998-2009
JONATHAN TRAVIESA

Launch Event:
(Exhibition & Signing)

**Saturday, October 10, 2009
The Front Gallery
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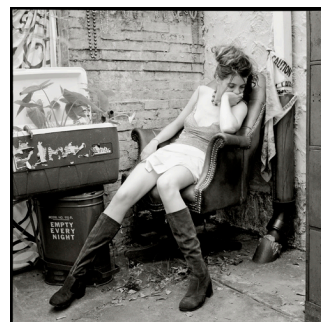6-10 pm • www.nolafront.org**

Jonathan Traviesa's environmental portraits are as compelling as a northern renaissance painting: sitter and surroundings meticulously described but still enigmatic. The clarity of these pictures is a paradox, presenting mystery rather than conclusion.

-John Lawrence
Historic New Orleans Collection

The one hundred individuals who share the pages of this book also share something else, space and time together in New Orleans. Many of these folks know each other. Some are married to each other. Others are complete strangers to one another. Interrelationships aside, they form the complex human fabric of New Orleans. And they are diverse. There are teenagers and the middle-aged closing in on a pension. There are exotic dancers, waitresses, social workers and socialites, black and white, and just about every other artificial separation of humanity one might want to seize on for categorization, but Jonathan's narrative isn't about difference. It's about commonality.

-Richard Sexton
(from the Introduction)