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For close to thirty years, **Edward Gajdel** has created iconic images of his subjects for editorial, advertising, fashion and corporate clients. Gajdel is one of the world's leading portrait photographers. His work has won numerous awards from an array of organizations including American Photography and the World Press Organization. He has garnered the reputation of being the next Karsh of Canada with his iconic portraiture work. Inspired by the great masters of photography, Edward Gajdel's creative style conveys powerful emotions yet is based on formalism and simplicity. From poets to politicians, actors to corporate leaders, his portfolio includes an impressive list of accomplished subjects. Both Kodak International and *P Magazine* (the international journal for Polaroid) recognize Edward as one of the world's foremost portrait photographers. The late Oscar Peterson said, "I never feel as though I am merely having my photograph taken. I feel part of something larger something creative and lasting on film. Edward can capture what I want to say through music." ■