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Greater Columbus Sister Cities International Hosting Genoese Photographer

A picture is worth a thousand words. What will yours say?

Columbus, Ohio - Greater Columbus Sister Cities International (GCSCI) with the generous support of Columbus City Council and Experience Columbus, will be hosting Emanuele Timothy Costa, a photographer from the Columbus sister city of Genoa, from March 25 - April 9. He is most known for his exhibit called *Thousand People of Genoa*, which is a collection of portraits that represents the culture of his hometown of Genoa. Timothy will be recreating this infamous work with new subjects, the faces of individuals from throughout central Ohio, in a new exhibit, *Thousand People of Columbus*.

The idea for this project began when Timothy was working as a young photojournalist. While telling the stories of his community, he grew increasingly passionate about photography and realized his city can be best represented by the grace and humanity of its people, thus inspiring him to create the #ThousandPeople project. His inspiration is simple: he believes that one can learn someone's story by simply looking into their eyes. That when seeing a familiar face creates a sense of connection, belonging and understanding, regardless of how different another may appear. That each wrinkle has its own story and the viewer decides how to embrace the charm, mystery and passion that a person represents.

While in Columbus, Timothy will begin a new chapter of the *Thousand People* project. In addition to displaying his current collection throughout various venues around Columbus, he will begin the *Thousand People of Columbus* exhibit. He will be taking photographs of the people in the Greater Columbus region! The photos in this collection will be displayed in an exhibit in Columbus' sister city of Genoa, Italy, in 2019.

"When I visited Columbus in 2016, I was impressed by the diversity of the city," said Timothy Costa. "Often, we become so consumed by our own lives that we miss the opportunity to meet the eyes of the people we pass, possibly missing a connection that could change our lives. *Thousand People of Columbus* will allow the community to discover themselves and show their unique personality to the rest of the world."

What makes Timothy's photos unique is his self-developed lighting technology. His equipment, Elettra4T, consists of a system of lights built on a structure which was designed to create a unique level of light exposure. This system brings about a new era in photography because it adds an extra dimension of shadows and highlights that capture the subjects most intimate details.

The *Thousand People of Genoa* photo exhibit will be displayed at the Cultural Arts Center, John Glenn International Airport, the Columbus Museum of Art, the Columbus Convention Center and Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

To participate in this program, please visit www.columbussistercities.com, or contact Sameen Dadfar, Program Manager of Greater Columbus Sister Cities International at 614-230-8590