

Westchester Photographic Society

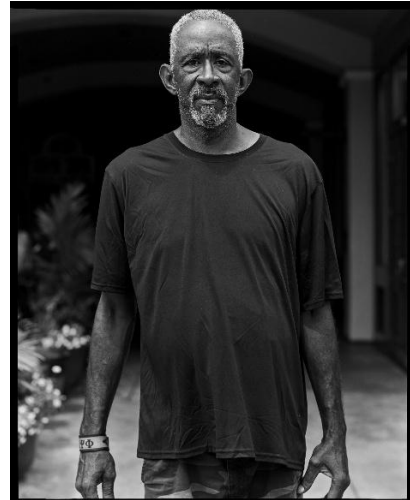
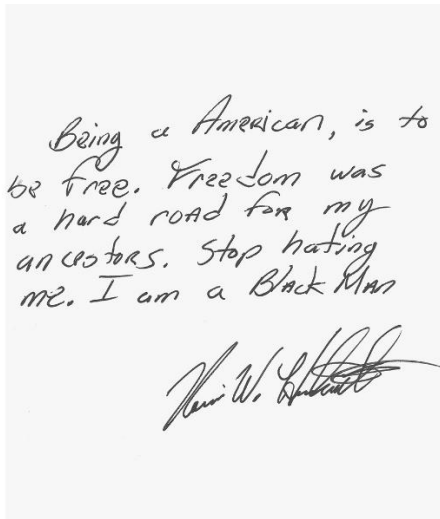
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Presents Robert Kalman

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What's it like for you to be an American

Tuesday July 7 – 8:00 pm (Eastern Time)



Topic

Documentary portrait photographer Robert Kalman will be joining us on July 7th to speak about his travels across the country in search of Americans' sense of national self-identity. Over a 4-year journey that logged over 20,000 miles through every region of the country, Robert met and photographed nearly 500 Americans with a large format 8x10 camera, and asked each of them to handwrite an answer to the question, "What's it like for you to be an American?"

Robert has published a book highlighting 76 American portraits and statements, as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. His presentation will invite you to look closely at the faces, stories and personal truths of our fellow Americans, and learn how people see themselves within the ever-evolving American experience.

Bio

For over 40 years Robert Kalman has been making formal, large format portraits of people he meets on streets across the globe. In addition to his large format portraiture, he has worked as a freelance editorial photographer for regional newspapers and magazines in the U.S. His first job after university was as news assistant to the managing editor of the New York Times. Robert is a frequent exhibitor in galleries across the U.S. Notable among his exhibitions: a collection of portraits of Nicaraguan villagers taken twenty years apart, wetplate collodion images of Confederate monuments, a series of ambrotypes of gay and lesbian bi-racial couples, dual portraits of dogs and their owners, transgender Israelis and transgender Panamanians. He is a Critical Mass Top 50 recipient, and he has published more than a dozen books of portraits. A special book arts edition of his latest book, a collection of American portraits entitled, *What's it like for you to be an American?* is touring three cities in 2026. This work is currently on view at the Stamford Museum, and will also be featured this summer at The Center for Photography in Woodstock, Montgomery Row Gallery in Rhinebeck, and Chroma Gallery in Katonah.

Westchester Photographic Society is proud to invite the public to see Robert Kalman, Tuesday July 7, 2026 – 8:00 (Eastern time). Frequent guests are invited to become members of WPS: <https://www.wpsphoto.org/join-us>. To Register email Meetings@wpsphoto.org