

# Photography exhibition

*Inner Light*, an exhibition of portrait photography by artist Joyce Tenneson, opens at 6.30pm on Monday 4 December at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands in Alexandra Place.

Ms Tenneson has been described as one of the most interesting portrayers of the human figure. Her work has been shown in over 150 exhibitions world-wide, and is included in museums and private collections. Her photographs have appeared in top international magazines, and she has received numerous awards and fel-

lowships. She is also the author of six books.

Bored with mere surface beauty, Tenneson is fascinated by life's journey and its complexities. Her portraits reveal, in a mysterious glow, the nature of her subjects who seem to offer themselves to us, the viewer, as authentic human beings with emotions, dreams and longings.

*Inner Light* highlights Ms Tenneson's continued exploration of the human face and form, says a press release from the National Gallery. Her work over the past 25 years has an immediately recognisable

style, and the themes in her portraits — spirituality, the mythic journey, the psyche — will resonate with a wide spectrum of viewers interested in art, photography and human development.

Patrick Broderick, Caymanian photographer and guest curator of *Inner Light* on behalf of the National Gallery, labels Joyce Tenneson as "a prophet, soul seeker and emotional teacher". In his exhibition statement, Mr. Broderick says:

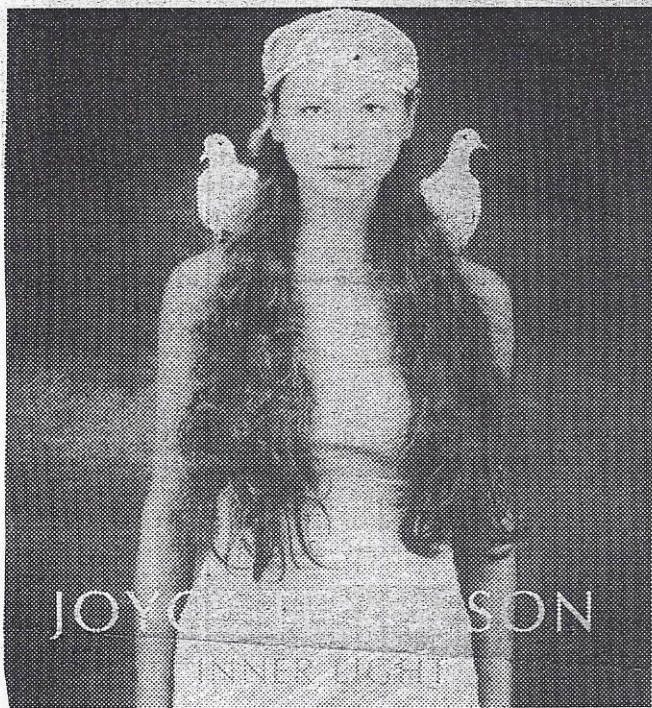
"Joyce sees with her soul. As a result, her images reflect the innermost essence of her subjects, gracefully making visible for all what only the intuitive sees. She looks for the spirit within and shows us what exists, not what we expect to see, or have been conditioned to see as 'beautiful'.

"As a photographer who is intrigued by people and who they really are, I am inspired by her dedication to capture the spirit of humanity.

"In today's fast-paced technological world, we are all exposed to the thought provoking, but deceptive advertising image that conditions our minds to 'want'. Joyce's images touch our souls.

"Her work gives me the opportunity to slow down and look at myself, my own being, my very own humanity. These images are the work of a spiritual, soulful photographer."

Ms Tenneson will be signing copies of her newly released book, *Light Warriors*, at the opening of *Inner Light*.



A typical study by Joyce Tenneson