

## About Ralf Tooten

Ralf Tooten, a widely acclaimed photographer lives and works in Hamburg and Bangkok. Trained as an architectural photographer, Ralf realised that he was “fascinated by the aesthetics of visual encounters and the personal radiance of human beings” and gravitated towards portrait photography.

Ralf takes on a number of different assignments ranging from corporate to the artistic. From 1998 to 2002, Ralf produced “Eyes of Wisdom”, a critically acclaimed portrait series of spiritual leaders from around the globe and in 2008 he published “A.W.C.”, an impressive serial of faces of the Asian worker. Ralf also takes on assignments including annual reports, CD covers, and portraits for various magazines and periodicals.

He has received several awards for his photography, including the *Fifth Polaroid Fine Arts Award* in London, UK in 1996 and the distinguished *Hasselblad Masters Award* in Goteborg, Sweden in 2003.

