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## **Author, Artist and Social Entrepreneur William Edwards Signs with Courtyard Publishing**

Courtyard Publishing is excited to announce the signing of author and artist William Edwards, together, we will work on the groundbreaking project entitled “I AM A VAGABOND.” This project, conceived by William Edwards, consists of a collection of pictures taken by homeless individuals all across the country. This project is designed to show that all people, no matter their circumstance, are capable of producing great works of creativity and purpose. The goal is to use this creative artwork as a bridge that will bring about a greater understanding and awareness of the homeless.

“This project is a collection of my stories, a collection of their stories and most importantly a collection of their pictures,” writes William Edwards. “These are theirs. I did not take any of these pictures. All I know is what city they were taken in and maybe a few names from those that I met personally. This is what they see every day. This is their lives documented.”

In support of the project, Courtyard Publishing is producing a 300 page, large format, photographic book which will chronicle, in detail, the pictures taken by homeless individuals around the country. In addition, three different sized exhibitions will tour the country appearing in museums, universities, and other relevant settings. These exhibitions will weave wonderfully rich images which move beyond mere documentation, reflecting a more lyrical sense of place and purpose. These photographs are always deeply human and expressive, showcasing a stark and terrifying beauty that one almost never sees. The exhibition will include a photo gallery of images, video terminals documenting the process, realistic sets representing where homeless individuals live, and interactive activities and displays. The exhibition allows the viewer to experience the creative expression and wonderment of these photographs on their own. These pictures are not static; they demand the viewer’s attention. These evocative pictures engage the viewer as they try to understand why certain pictures were taken and the meaning behind them.

### **Profile of a Visionary: William Edwards**

William Edwards is an entrepreneur, artist, inventor, and philanthropist who has truly captured the essence and the diversity of creativity. He is an accomplished and award winning composer and producer and is especially proud of his involvement in several Grammy winning records and multiple Emmy winning projects. With over 80 feature films and television show credits, Edwards continues to build an accomplished and decorated body of work in creating musical pieces for records, television and film.

Along with many years of composing music, Edwards has been taught and mentored by such renowned artists as Chris Janney, Tom Dowd, and Nam June Paik. Edwards has been exhibited at Art Basel and continues to be privately collected internationally.

Edwards has also created his own non-profit organization which helps foster children’s creativity as well as helping their parents deal with raising a creative child, called the Innovation Foundation. He holds several music engineering design patents as well.