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“Lauren Grayhawk, Ohkay Owingeh”

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Image Description: Lauren Grayhawk is a member of the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in northern New Mexico and a celebrated ceremonial dancer. In this portrait, he is dressed to perform the Comanche Dance at his pueblo's festival days. Lauren has performed throughout the United States and in Japan and Indonesia as a participant in cultural exchange programs. He is a recent graduate of the Santa Fe Indian School.

Location of Image: Algodones, New Mexico

Type of Camera and Lens Used: Canon 5D Mark IV, 50 mm

Camera Settings Used: f7.1 1/125 iso 1000

Artist Statement: I am a travel, documentary and portrait photographer based in Denver, Colorado. I travel extensively in pursuit of images that reflect local cultures and people. My emphasis in recent years has been on portraiture with the objective of introducing viewers to the people I meet and photograph at home and around the world. My photographs are intended to convey a sense of place, personality and emotion. I've been privileged to meet and photograph people in many different places -- on five continents and across diverse geographies, cultures and ways of life. While my photographs document the many differences in appearance, dress, culture, faith and way of life, I hope they also convey the fact that our similarities and "connectedness" as humans far outweigh those superficial differences.

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