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THE SOUL PHOTOGRAPHER

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I've never seen photos that speak thousands of languages, like his. Hidden gems are not only "unseen places," they're people ready to shine, to send magical sparks of hope to the world.

"I can never take photos if I don't feel a soul inside my models," Tino said.

He falls in love every day with every model he shoots and falls out of love once he's out of the set. So basically, he's just a beautiful disaster falling in and out of love just so he can take pictures to take your breath away.

He's not your cliché photographer, he has an eye for beauty, but he looks well into chaos and creates fascinating pictures. **"People look at the sunset itself, I look at its reflection on the buildings."** He said.

Tino struggles with words, but he was gifted with something more significant, the ability to express on visuals and art.

Do you think that anything can stop Tino from moving forward, shining, and giving this world what it really needs **"MAGIC."** Nothing, not even being bipolar, and struggling every day with the fact that he's different, but what he doesn't know is that every flaw, every scar, and every struggle he's been through shaped him into this incredible human being he is now.

This exceptional boy who started his career and opened his studio at the age of 18 and his mom helped paid the rent and has been the endless support he needed. That boy who held his camera and wandered around to capture the breathtaking photos that you can't take your eyes off since he was 15. You can tell a lot when you look at Tino's, he's a walking poem. When he smiles, talks, and tells you

his stories, all you want is to know more.

I think I can write a book about him, but I will stop and let you read what everyone in Tino's life says about him.

It was the first time and my only time that a photographer got out the real me on camera. It was when Tino did my first photoshoot - Walid

The two personalities of Cezar:

When I first met Tino I wanted to slit his throat, but after 6 years of knowing him, I still want to slit his throat.

Who would have thought that after 6 years of meeting my mortal enemy I would call him family.

It's hard to translate what a mother feels about her boy, Tino is our blessing, and I don't think I will have words to describe how much he means to me. - **Nathalie**

Tino is not only my brother, he's my life, and also my best friend; our relationship is the best thing that ever happened to me. If I want to start talking about him, I will never stop. - **Joane**

I've known Tino for a very very long time, probably since he was a teenager.

He morphed into this incredible human being, and I cannot be any prouder!

Though he might seem the opposite, Tino has an amazingly huge heart and a beautiful soul! He tries to hide behind a tough shell, but people who know him, know how much he cares about those who matter! He's been through a lot but always came out fighting. Even though we might go long periods without speaking, he knows how much I love

and appreciate him, he knows that I am only a call away, he knows that I will always be there to lecture him out of his (many) bad decisions ha-ha. What an incredible human being. - **Sarah**

Lead by his own passion with so much love but can be poisonous if messed with. *****Laughing***** He's a living onion, got too many layers to him. A sensitive, tough person, who wants nothing but affection but would never say it. He loves attention, and he does it by putting smiles into everyone's face. - **Omar**

Well, Tino... I could write so much about him. Free-spirited, hungry for life and living in a world of his own, he has always been a hard worker ever since I met him, he was so young yet already carving the path to his future, his passion for photography got him to start his career super early, and I could tell how talented he is even back then. He helped me with all of my projects, and together we made a great team, so I always hope to work with him again. Also, he is super fun on set! - **Chelsea**

he has the purest heart, energetic, kind, always loving, and seeking to help others. - **Jack**

Tino is a breath of fresh air in this world. He's always there for you, and this is something rare to find these days. He finds happiness and joy in helping others. All that other than being a talented photographer who loves people and can capture his truth. - **Lara**

Tino's one of the few people of whom I would drop anything to help out. It is mainly because he is one of my closest friends, it is also because he is a blast to work with, always



professional but never dull. He is one of the most hardworking people I know, going from working odd jobs in a small town to handling some of Dubai's most important projects. Working with him is always fun, and being his friend is even better. He is caring and always knows how to have fun. He has been a massive support in both my personal and professional lives, and I am beyond proud of everything he has achieved and am sure that he will continue to do great things throughout the rest of his life. - **Stephanie**

How can I describe a friend I've known and loved for more than 20 years now? He is one of the most talented people I know! So ambitious works really hard to reach his goals, and you just can't meet him and forget about him! He is a ball of energy and laughter and kindness and unconditional love!! Being loved by him is a blessing he sacrifices his own happiness for the people he loves, you can count on him anytime and anywhere! I'm sorry I know you just needed one sentence, but he is the kind of person that deserves all the attention that some I can give him! - **Antonella**

I met Tino in a really odd situation, honestly! 10 years We were both seeing the same psychologist and saw each other! Since then, we started talking, and we had an instant connection that didn't make any sense! We connected on many levels. We became each other "go-to person" when we needed to vent. He's such a great friend that he can change your mood and make your day better. He's a good listener and put everyone first without thinking about himself! Whenever we had nothing to do, he used to dress me up and take crazy pictures of me and create art! Life obliged us to grow apart. He had to move to Dubai, and I moved to Canada but still with all this distance, and with all the time zone differences our friendship is always the same because that's the kind of friend he is, he's more like a family to me! I know I talked more than 2 sentences, but honestly, I can speak about Tino nonstop, he's a great friend, brother, and such a talented person not to forget his kind soul! - **Lourdes**

Tino is a sweetheart, an artist, a giver, and a great friend. He's helpful, caring, and very loving. Creative and passionate about everything in life, his thoughts are eye-openers to things I never saw or thought about before. I'm grateful to have him as a friend in my life. - **Myriam**

Honestly, if I wanted to describe Tino, I would say: he's a waterfall of love and generosity, he just showers the ones that he holds dear with so much positivity and care: you can't be around him and not be in a complete state of madness and joy, either by laughing at his sarcastic comments and stories / or by snapping into a dance routine or car karaoke. It honestly amazes me how passionate he is not only about his loved ones but his artwork. - **Marya**

Tino is a beautiful person inside out with a warm soul and limitless creativity. - **Martin**

Tino is that one person you meet and instantly makes you feel comfortable as if you've known each other for years. Heart of gold wants the best for people he loves, always wants to see them succeed, and help them grow. A true gem. - **Val**



Looking from the side - you'll think that this is a cheerful guy but everything is deeper...

He is sensual, vulnerable ... and the seriousness of his actions doesn't correspond to his age his life experience is visible.

Who is he to me????

He is my best friend - although I think the word friend doesn't contain the meaning of how I really relate to him, I can talk for hours - about everything and nothing.

I just love him. - **Snejana**

It's hard for me to come up with something to say about someone I care about if I'm asked to do so. It's just won't come out as genuine. But I just want to say that Tino is one of a kind, amazing human being, I love him so much. He already knows everything. - **Ray**

Tino's a very compassionate, loving person, and his work truly reflects his ideals and ethics. - **Diab**

Tino is truly a unique individual who approaches any task with love and passion. He is always cheerful and radiates joy to everyone around him. We are very glad to have Tino as a friend and I know that he will always support us in the hardest of times. - **Dasha**

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