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These two fine books on portraiture complement each other nicely. Sanden, a true master of the genre, has created more than 500 portraits of prominent people and is considered one of the foremost teachers of the art. He has developed a 29-step method for painting a complete picture in just one sitting. His premier coup technique combines immediate impression and final effect. At the heart of the book are two complete demonstrations ("The Bishop" and "Nigerian Lady") wisely chosen for varieties in skin, hair, and tones. For those interested in other media and in more basic instruction, Wolf has assembled an excellent compendium of the work of more than a dozen artists and authors. Eyes, noses, and ears get individual attention, as do the different stages of life, from infancy to maturity. The book also features methods of drawing figures in motion and within a broad variety of settings. A fine multimedia and multicultural effort. Very reasonably priced, both books are highly recommended.

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### About the Author

John Howard Sanden's career as a portrait artist has spanned three decades. Since moving from the Midwest to New York City in 1969, he has been called upon by more than 500 of the nation's public and business leaders to portray them in his striking painting style. (In a 1991 *New York Post*, popular columnist Pete Hamill said that "John Howard Sanden is the closest we have in America to fit the old role of court painter.")

Sanden is widely regarded as the foremost teacher of professional portrait methods in the world today. Founder of the Portrait Institute of New York, he has toured the nation teaching his ideas and techniques to thousands. His books and videos have extended his teaching even further. In a 1984 article in *Profile*, the magazine of the American Portrait Society, the Society's president wrote, "John Howard Sanden may well be the best known name in contemporary American portraiture." On May 29, 1994, the American Society of Portrait Artists presented Sanden with their first John Singer Sargent Medal for Lifetime Achievement.

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