Ric Savid was selected as Tampa’s ninth Photographer Laureate and produced black and white photographic portraits depicting the diversity of people living and working in the city. Some of these portraits included Tampa’s current and former Mayors of Tampa.

Each year since 2003, the City of Tampa’s Public Art Program has commissioned an artist to photograph a perspective of the City of Tampa with an emphasis on what it means to be in Tampa at this particular time in history. The result of this juried process is producing a public collection and archive that is representative of the life and times in Tampa by regional, national and international photographers.